



WORKSHOP:

IMPROVING WASTE MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON BOARD FISHING VESSELS IN THE ARCTIC

27-28 January 2026

Marine and Freshwater Research Institute, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland

DAY 1: CURRENT PRACTICES AND KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE

08:30 | Walk-in / Coffee & Tea

09:00 | Welcome and Opening Remarks

- *Wouter-Jan Strietman, on behalf of the Organizing Committee*
- *Kenneth Høegh, Chair of the Senior Arctic Officials (virtual)*
- *Eggert B. Guðmundsson, Interim CEO, Marine and Freshwater Research Institute*

09:15 – 10:15 | Session 1: Setting the Scene – Fishing Gear as a Source of Marine Litter, Arctic Fisheries, International Frameworks and Obligations

Moderator: Heidi Mary Hansen (Kingdom of Denmark)

- **Overview of Arctic and near - Arctic fisheries activity and gear used**
Peter Murphy, NOAA, on behalf of co-leads of the [ALDFG report](#)
- **Fishing gear waste on the coastline of the Arctic**
Wouter-Jan Strietman – Wageningen Social & Economic Research
- **International shipping frameworks and obligations**
Margot Parcaroli-Ruiz-Estrada - International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- **OSPARs work on ALDFG in the light of its North-East Atlantic Strategy and the Regional Action Plan on Marine Litter**
Stefanie Werner, German Environment Agency
- Q & A

10:15 – 10:30 | Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:15 | Session 2: The Industry Perspective: How is Gear Waste Management Organized on Deck and in Ports? What Works Well and What Challenges Exist?

Moderator: Wouter-Jan Strietman (The Netherlands)

- **Experience from Icelandic Fisheries**
Hildur Hauksdóttir, Fisheries Iceland
- **Experience from Norwegian Fisheries**
Torgeir Mannvik, Skipper on the trawler Sørkapp, Nergård Group
- Q & A

11:15 – 12:15 | Interactive session / Guided tour onboard a fishing vessel in the port

12:15 – 12:30 | Group photo

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break (Marine and Freshwater Research Institute cafeteria)

13:30 – 15:30 | Session 3: Breakout Groups: What is Going Well, What Challenges Exist?

Moderator: Carl Höjman (SALT)

- **Breakout groups:**
 1. Waste management and storage on board
 2. Practices and routines on deck
 3. Port Reception Facilities
 4. Policy regulations and control
 - *Online breakout group available (discussing the four topics above)*

15:00 | Group reporting and discussion

15:30 | End of Day 1

16:00 | Excursion: Hampiðjan (Reykjavik)

"Hampiðjan has taken a leading position globally in the production and maintenance of high-quality fishing gear for trawlers and purse seiners."

Bus leaves from Viking Hotel at 16.00 and returns participants to the Viking hotel at 18.30.

19:00 | Viking dinner, hosted by Iceland and PAME

Fjörukráin Restaurant at Viking Hotel

DAY 2: SHAPING ACTION

08:30 | Walk-in / Coffee & Tea

09:00-10:15 | Session 4: Examples and Inspiration from the Arctic and Beyond – Practical Ways to Improve On-Board and In-Port Fishing Gear Waste Management

Moderator: Wouter-Jan Strietman (The Netherlands)

- **Action Plan by Norwegian Fishermen to prevent Marine Littering, Waste Management Procedure**
Tor Are Vaskinn, Fiskebåt, Membership organization for the Norwegian deep-sea fishing fleet
- **Developing best practices to reduce net cuttings waste in the marine environment**
Ryan D'Arcy Metcalfe, KIMO International
- **Mark it to Manage It: Tracking Fishing Gear for a Cleaner Ocean**
Haraldur Arnar Einarsson, Marine and Freshwater Research Institute, Iceland
- **The Development of an Arctic Fishing Gear Management Plan**
Carl Höjman, SALT
- Q & A

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 12:30 | Session 5: Breakout groups: Discussing the Way Forward and Identifying Opportunities for Improvement

Moderator: Carl Höjman (SALT)

- **Breakout groups:**
 1. Waste management and storage on board & practices and routines on deck
 2. The development of a Fishing Gear Management Plan
 3. Port Reception Facilities
 4. Policy regulations and control
 - *Online breakout group available (discussing the four topics above)*

12:00 | Group reporting and discussion

12:30 – 13:30 | Lunch Break (Marine and Freshwater Research Institute cafeteria)

13:30 – 15:00 | Session 6: Defining Next Steps

Moderator: Carl Højman (SALT)

- Interactive session & group discussion

15:00 – 16:00 | Closing Session

Moderator: Wouter-Jan Strietman (The Netherlands)

- Summary of key take-aways
- Next steps, incl. FGMP project
- Thank you and wrap-up

16:00 – END OF WORKSHOP