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The Thirteenth NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting  
Vladivostok, Russian Federation, 19-20 May, 2016

**Annotated Provisional Agenda**

## **Background leading to the meeting**

The Pollution Monitoring Regional Activity Center (POMRAC) is one of the four Regional Activity Centers (RACs) created to coordinate activities relevant to specific components of the Action Plan for the Protection, Management and Development of the Marine and Coastal Environment of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan (NOWPAP). Initially POMRAC had responsibility to implement activities related to atmospheric deposition of contaminants and river and direct inputs of contaminants.

The 10<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP IGM has approved plan of future actions “New Directions for the NOWPAP RACs and RCU”. Regarding POMRAC, that IGM confirmed for 2006 and future years the preparation of regional overviews on atmospheric deposition of contaminants and river and direct inputs of contaminants with following preparation of the State of Marine Environment Report in the NOWPAP Region (SOMER). After that, POMRAC might consider focusing on activities related to Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management (ICARM) that includes land-based sources of pollution. Preparation of SOMER and all activities related to ICARM should be implemented in close collaboration with all NOWPAP RACs.

The 11<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC FPM (9-10 October, 2013, Tianjin, China) has reviewed and discussed the new major POMRAC activities in 2012-2013; discussed draft "Regional overview of persistent toxic substances (PTS) in the coastal environment of the NOWPAP region", and draft of the second “State of Marine Environmental Report” for the NOWPAP region (SOMER 2). Other activities of POMRAC included preparation of the ICARM Guidelines.

The 12<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC FPM (4-5 September 2014, Busan, Republic of Korea) reviewed and discussed major POMRAC activities in accordance with the decisions of the 18<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP IGM. One of the main of POMRAC activity was agreed as the development of Ecological Quality Objectives (EcoQOs) in the NOWPAP region. POMRAC FPs and experts as well as representatives of CEARAC, DINRAC, MERRAC and partner organizations, such as OSPAR, PICES, WESTPAC, and YSLME, participated in the meeting. After lengthy discussion the preliminary list of EcoQOs and POMRAC workplan for 2014-2015 biennium were approved by correspondence. Unfortunately, due to organizational reasons the POMRAC activities were frozen during last two years. 20<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP IGM (28-30 October 2015, Beijing, China) decided

to facilitate the POMRAC activities through the allocation and the use of some fund with DINRAC support.

The 13<sup>th</sup> POMRAC Focal Points Meeting (FPM) will be held in Vladivostok, Russia on 19-20 May 2016 to review the progress of its current activities and to discuss the activities for the 2016-2017 biennium. Focal Points and experts of the NOWPAP Members, namely China, Japan, Republic of Korea and Russia will participate in the 13<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC FPM. NOWPAP RCU representatives as well as representatives of DINRAC, MERRAC and partner organizations, such as PICES and WESTPAC will also participate in the meeting.

## **Day 1 (19 May 2016)**

### **1. Opening of the Meeting**

The 13<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting will be opened at 9:30 am at the Azimut Hotel, Vladivostok on 19 May 2016 by the Director of POMRAC, Dr. Anatoly KACHUR. Welcoming remarks by NOWPAP RCU Coordinator, Dr. Alexander TKALIN will follow. Representatives of the participating members will be invited to make opening remarks if they wish.

### **2. Organization of the Meeting**

#### **2.1. Election of the officers**

The meeting will be invited to elect the Chairperson and the Rapporteur for the 13<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting. As it had been decided during the previous POMRAC Focal Points Meetings, the duty of the chairpersons for FPM would be performed on a rotational basis. This time the Chairperson should be a representative of Japan, and the Rapporteur – a representative of Korea.

#### **2.2. Organization of work**

2.2.1. Rules of procedure will be established. It is proposed that, for purposes of the meeting, the rules used here be those of the Governing Council of UNEP, adjusted as appropriate to suit the nature of the meeting.

- 2.2.2. The secretariat will introduce a suggested program of work and timetable of the meeting.
- 2.2.3. English will be the working language of the meeting. The secretariat will present a provisional list of the documents (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/Inf. 1).

### **3. Adoption of the Agenda**

The Provisional Agenda (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM13/1) will be introduced by the Secretariat with the Annotated Provisional Agenda (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM13/2) and Timetable (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/Inf. 4). The meeting will be invited to consider and adopt the agenda and timetable.

### **4. Overview of the progress made in the intersessional period after the 12<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting**

- 4.1. Report of NOWPAP RCU representative on the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan after the 12<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC FPM

NOWPAP RCU Representative will report to the meeting the progress of the entire NOWPAP activities during the intersessional period including the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/3).

- 4.2. Report on the implementation and the budget expenditures of POMRAC activities period after the 12<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting

Director of POMRAC will report on the implementation of POMRAC activities in 2014/2016 (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/4). The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

- 4.3. Report on the implementation of Marine Litter Activity (MALITA)  
POMRAC representative will report on the implementation of Marine Litter Activity (MALITA) in 2014/2016 (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/4). The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

**5. Discussion of the workplan for 2016/2017 and future activities of POMRAC for the achievement of Ecological Quality Objectives in the NOWPAP Region**

5.1. Review and adoption of the structure and content of the Regional Overview “Targets and indicators for Ecological Quality Objectives for the NOWPAP region”

POMRAC representative will report Draft structure and content of the Regional Overview “Targets and indicators for Ecological Quality Objectives for the NOWPAP region” (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/5). The meeting will be invited to discuss and adopt the Structure and content of the Regional Overview.

5.2. Discussion of the timetable and budget for the Ecological Quality Objectives activity of POMRAC in 2016/2017 biennium

POMRAC representative will report the timetable and the budget for the Ecological Quality Objectives activity of POMRAC in 2016/2017 biennium (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/5). The meeting will be invited to discuss and adopt the document.

**6. Discussion of other intersessional activities of POMRAC**

6.1. Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management (ICARM)

POMRAC representative will present activity of POMRAC for ICARM in 2016/2017 biennium (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/6). This activity is supposed to implement as a participation in the regional training course on Integrated Coastal Planning/Management (in cooperation with PEMSEA). The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

6.2. Marine Litter Activity (MALITA)

POMRAC representative will present Marine Litter Activity (MALITA) for POMRAC in 2016/2017 biennium (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/7). The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

## **7. Review of workplan and budget of POMRAC activities for the 2016-2017 biennium**

The Director of POMRAC will introduce to the meeting the Workplan and Budget for POMRAC in 2016/2017 biennium, which was adopted at the 20<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP IGM (28-30 October 2015, Beijing, China). The meeting will be invited to review and provide guidance to the workplan (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 13/8).

### **Day 2 (20 May 2016)**

## **8. Arrangements for the 14<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC FPM**

The Secretariat will propose a venue and period of the 14<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting for discussion and approval.

## **9. Other matters**

The meeting will be invited to raise any other issues relevant to POMRAC activities.

## **10. Adoption of the report of the meeting**

A draft report of the meeting will be prepared by the Rapporteur and the Secretariat for consideration and adoption.

## **11. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting will be closed by the Chairperson.