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Pollution Monitoring Regional Activity Center

The Fourteenth NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting
Vladivostok, Russian Federation, 25-26 October, 2017

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 10th 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 11th 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 12th NOWPAP POMRAC FPM (4-5 September 2014, Busan, Republic of Korea) reviewed and discussed major POMRAC activities in accordance with the decisions of the 18th 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. 20th 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 13th POMRAC Focal Points Meeting (FPM) with back-to-back Workshop on EcoQOs (Vladivostok, Russia, 19-20 May 2016) agreed to prepare Regional Overview on possible Ecological Quality Objectives in the NOWPAP region, discussed the format and procedures of work for this and other POMRAC activities on 2016-2017 biennium.

The 14th POMRAC Focal Points Meeting (FPM) will be held in Vladivostok, Russia on 25-26 October 2017 to review the progress of its current activities and to discuss the activities for the 2018-2019 biennium. Focal Points and experts of the NOWPAP Members, namely China, Japan, Republic of Korea and Russia will participate in the 14th NOWPAP POMRAC FPM. NOWPAP RCU representatives as well as representatives of DINRAC, MERRAC, CEARAC and partner organizations, such as PICES and WESTPAC will also participate in the meeting.

Day 1 (25 October 2017)

1. Opening of the Meeting

The 14th NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting will be opened at 9:30 am at the Azimut Hotel, Vladivostok on 25 October 2017 by the Director of POMRAC, Dr. Anatoly KACHUR. Welcoming remarks by NOWPAP RCU Coordinator, Dr. Lev NERETIN 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 14th 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 Republic of Korea, and the Rapporteur – a representative of Russia.

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 14/Inf. 1).

3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM14/1) will be introduced by the Secretariat with the Annotated Provisional Agenda (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM14/2) and Timetable (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/1-1). 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 13th NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting

4.1. Report of NOWPAP RCU representative on the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan after the 13th NOWPAP POMRAC FPM

NOWPAP RCU Representative will report to the meeting the progress of the entire NOWPAP activities during the intersessional period including the 21th NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/3).

4.2. Report on the implementation and the budget expenditures of POMRAC activities period after the 13th NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting

Director of POMRAC will report on the implementation of POMRAC activities in 2016-2017 (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/4). The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

4.3. Report on the implementation of Marine Litter Activity

POMRAC representative will report on the implementation of Marine Litter Activity in 2016-2017 (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/4-1). The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

5. Discussion on the review and adoption of the “Regional overview of possible Ecological Quality Objective indicators for the NOWPAP region”

5.1. POMRAC representative will present the Regional Overview compiled by international consultant based on the National Inputs prepared by the nominated national experts. This Regional Overview has been disseminated between RCU, RACs, POMRAC experts and Focal Points for the comments, and between NOWPAP Focal Points as well. Comments and notes have been adopted and taken into account in the presented version (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/ Inf. 4). The meeting will be invited to discuss and adopt the “Regional overview of possible Ecological Quality Objective indicators for the NOWPAP region”.

6. Discussion of the future POMRAC activities for the 2018-2019 biennium

6.1. Development of regional NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned with SDG indicators. Phase 1

POMRAC representative will present activity of POMRAC for EcoQOs issue in 2018-2019 biennium (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/5). This activity is supposed to continue the development and elaboration the system of Ecological Quality indicators in terms of their compatibility with SDG (sustainable development goal) indicators. The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

6.2. Assessment of trends in river and direct Inputs of contaminants to the marine and coastal environment in the NOWPAP region during the last decade

POMRAC representative will present activity for POMRAC in 2016/2017 biennium (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/6) connected with analysis of the changes in river and direct inputs of contaminants to the sea during last decade. The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

6.3. Microplastics abundance in river runoff and coastal waters of the NOWPAP region with a case study in the Russian part of NOWPAP area

POMRAC representative will present this activity for 2018-2019 connected with marine litter problems (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/7). The main goal of this project is to collect existing data on microplastics quantity and composition in the river runoff and coastal waters within the NOWPAP region and to obtain background information on the distribution of different kinds of microplastics in the river runoff and coastal waters of the Russian part of the NOWPAP region. The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

7. Review of workplan and budget of POMRAC activities for the 2018-2019 biennium

The Director of POMRAC will introduce to the meeting the Workplan and Budget for POMRAC in 2018-2019 biennium for the future adoption at the 22th NOWPAP IGM (December 2017, Toyama, Japan). The meeting will be invited to review and provide guidance to the workplan (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 14/8).

8. Arrangements for the 15th NOWPAP POMRAC FPM

The Secretariat will propose a venue and period of the 15th 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.

Day 2 (26 October 2017)

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.