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The Fifteenth NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting  
Vladivostok, Russian Federation, 4-5 July, 2018

**Annotated Provisional Agenda**

## **Background leading to the meeting**

The Pollution Monitoring Regional Activity Center (POMRAC) is one of the four Regional Activity Centers (RACs) established 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 focused on activities related to Integrated Coastal and River Basin Management (ICARM) including land-based sources of pollution. Preparation of SOMER and all activities related to ICARM was implemented in close collaboration with all NOWPAP RACs.

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.

In 2015, most of POMRAC activities were “frozen” due to problems with processing payments to foreign experts from Russia. The 20<sup>th</sup> IGM (Beijing, People’s Republic of China 28-30 October 2015) decided in order to simplify the administrative process of recruitment of and payment to foreign experts (consultants), to assign the responsibility of implementation of two activities on the development of Ecological Quality Objectives and on the training course on ICARM with a total 2016-2017 biennium budget of US\$ 60,000 to DINRAC, while these two activities will be overseen by POMRAC.

In accordance with the decisions of the 20<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP IGM, the following activities should be organized by POMRAC in 2016 – 2017:

- Activity 1. Joint activity of WG1, WG2, ICARM WG: Development of the Regional Overview “Targets and indicators for Ecological Quality Objectives used in NOWPAP member states”
- Activity 2. Organization of Regional WS “Targets and indicators for Ecological Quality Objectives used in NOWPAP member states” (back to back with 13<sup>th</sup> POMRAC FPM)
- Activity 3. Organization of Regional workshop/ training course on Integrated Coastal Planning/Management of Regional Guidelines for Integrated Coastal Planning/Management (in cooperation with PEMSEA)
- Activity 4. Organization of 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> POMRAC Focal Points meetings
- Activity 5. Update, maintenance and enrichment of POMRAC Website
- Activity 6. Activities of RAP MALI: Increasing public awareness about marine litter problem by developing and distributing promotional materials
- Activity 7. Cooperation, Communication of NOWPAP POMRAC activities, with other RACs, RCU, UNEP, and other relevant organizations, projects and programmes.

The 13<sup>th</sup> 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 Meeting has adopted the structure and contents of the Regional Overview “Targets and indicators for Ecological Quality Objectives for the NOWPAP region”

The 14<sup>th</sup> POMRAC FPM (Vladivostok, Russia, 25-26 October, 2017) reviewed and adopted the “Regional overview of possible Ecological Quality Objective indicators for the NOWPAP region”, compiled by the International Consultant based on the National Inputs prepared by the nominated national experts. The Meeting discussed future POMRAC activities for the 2018-2019 biennium, including 1) Development of regional NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) indicators; 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; 3) Microplastics abundance in river runoff and coastal waters of the NOWPAP region with a case study in the Russian part of NOWPAP area. It was decided to present the workplan and budget of POMRAC activities for the 2018-2019 biennium during the next NOWPAP Intergovernmental Meeting for adoption.

The 15<sup>th</sup> POMRAC Focal Points Meeting (FPM) will be held in Vladivostok, Russia on 04-05 July 2018 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 15<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC FPM. National NOWPAP Focal Point of Russia, NOWPAP RCU representative as well as representatives of DINRAC, MERRAC and partner organizations, such as PICES, YSLME and WESTPAC will also participate in the meeting.

### **Day 1 (04 July 2018)**

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

The 15<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting will be opened at 9:30 am at the Aurora Hotel, Vladivostok on 04 July 2018 by the Director of POMRAC, Dr. Anatoly KACHUR. Welcoming remarks by NOWPAP RCU representative 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 15<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 China, 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 15/Inf. 1).

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

The Provisional Agenda (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM15/1) will be introduced by the Secretariat with the Annotated Provisional Agenda (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM15/2) and Timetable (NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/1-1). 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 14<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting**

4.1. Report of NOWPAP RCU representative on the progress in the implementation of the Northwest Pacific Action Plan after the 14<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC FPM

NOWPAP RCU Representative will introduce to the meeting the progress of the entire NOWPAP activities during the intersessional period (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/3).

4.2. Report on the implementation and expenditure of POMRAC activities for the in 2016-2017 biennium

Director of POMRAC will present the implementation of POMRAC activities in 2016-2017 (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/4). The meeting will be invited to hold a general discussion after the presentation.

### **5. Discussion and adoption of the Workplan and budget for the Development of regional NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned with SDG indicators. Phase 1**

POMRAC representative will present Workplan and budget for the Development of regional NOWPAP EcoQO targets aligned with SDG indicators. Phase 1 (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/5). The meeting will be invited to discuss and adopt the Workplan and content of the activity.

## **6. Discussion and adoption of the Workplan and budget for the 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 Workplan and budget for the Assessment of trends in river and direct Inputs of contaminants to the marine and coastal environment in the NOWPAP region during the last decade (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/6). The meeting will be invited to discuss and adopt the Workplan and content of the activity.

## **7. Discussion and adoption of the Workplan and budget for the activity ‘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 Workplan and budget for POMRAC activity ‘Microplastics abundance in river runoff and coastal waters of the NOWPAP region with a case study in the Russian part of NOWPAP area’ (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/7). The meeting will be invited to discuss and adopt the Workplan and content of the activity.

## **8. 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, which was adopted at the 22<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP IGM (December 2017, Toyama, Japan). The meeting will be invited to review and provide guidance to the workplan (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/8).

## **9. Arrangements for the 16<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC FPM**

The Secretariat will propose a venue and period of the 16<sup>th</sup> NOWPAP POMRAC Focal Points Meeting for discussion and approval.

## **10. Other matters**

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

#### 10.1. Development of RAP BIO: the Role of POMRAC

NOWPAP RCU Representative will present the document “Development of a roadmap for regional Action Plan for Marine and Coastal Biodiversity Conservation in the NOWPAP region” (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/Inf. 6). The meeting will be invited to discuss the activity.

#### 10.2. NOWPAP follow up and review of SDG 14.1

NOWPAP RCU Representative will present the document “Follow-up and review of SDG 14.1 using NOWPAP mechanism” (UNEP/NOWPAP/POMRAC/FPM 15/Inf. 7). The meeting will be invited to discuss the issue.

### **Day 2 (05 July 2018)**

#### **11. 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.

#### **12. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting will be closed by the Chairperson.