

# Study Group on Revising the Strategic Plan (SG-RSP)

## Draft Agenda

1400 – 16:00

Thursday October 22, 2015

1. Welcome and opening remarks
2. Review of terms of reference
3. Review of Strategic Plans of other organizations – see [http://www.pices.int/members/study\\_groups/SG-RSP.aspx](http://www.pices.int/members/study_groups/SG-RSP.aspx)
  - a) ICES – Richards
  - b) IOC/WESTPAC
  - c) Others?
4. Discussion of vision for the strategic plan (see e-mail from July 7)
5. Science Board comments on the scientific content of the plan (Therriault)
6. Views from Contracting Parties on the priorities for marine scientific research (all)
7. Progress to date in preparing a new (or updated) plan (Stein)
8. Next steps and preparation of report for Governing Council

## Background notes:

### Terms of Reference

1. Review the current PICES Strategic Plan, the FUTURE Implementation Plan, and Action Plans of PICES Committees;
2. Review the strategic plans of other relevant international organizations such as ICES;
3. Consider the views of Contracting Parties on the priorities for marine scientific research in the North Pacific Ocean over the next 5-10 years;
4. Propose revisions to the PICES Strategic Plan (if necessary) in time for consideration by Council at PICES-2016.

### e-mail from SG Chair dated July 7, 2015

The Executive Secretary, F&A Chair and I have developed the following proposal which we hope will expedite completion of our task. We suggest that the updated plan appear as a short web-based document that lays out our vision of the Organization and its priorities for the next five years. The document would be aimed at a general audience, including potential funding agencies, and would be featured as part of the revised PICES website (another anniversary project). We propose to hire a science communication expert (writer) to prepare an initial draft from existing material (e.g., current Strategic Plan, FUTURE documents, 2016 meeting theme) for our review at PICES-2015.

Suggested steps are as follows:

1. Science Board (Therriault): Input on the scientific content of the plan **by July 31**. Do we have the right goals? Should new areas of focus be added? Are other areas of focus now less important? I discussed the Strategic Plan with Science Board at their interim meeting in May and members were given a deadline of June 30 for comments to the Chair.
2. All: Review strategic plans from other organizations (ToR #2) **prior to PICES-2015**. To facilitate this process, all relevant plans will be posted on the PICES website. If you are aware of other strategic plans we should consider, please inform the PICES secretariat **by September 30** and the appropriate link can be added to the study group page on the web site.
3. Stein (with assistance from others): Engage a science communications expert to prepare a draft plan based **by September 30** from existing documents and Science Board comments (see Step 1).
4. Secretariat: Schedule a meeting time during PICES-2015 and advise Study Group members **by July 31**.
5. All: Meet during PICES-2015 to review strategic plans of other organizations (Step 2), the draft plan (Step 3) and determine next steps.