

PICES Twenty Second Annual Meeting
Nanaimo, Canada

October 13 (18:00-19:30) and October 16 (14:00-18:00), 2013

MARINE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY COMMITTEE (MEQ)
Provisional Agenda

1. Welcome and adoption of agenda (Chuanlin Huo)
Welcome members and introduce the agenda about the MEQ meeting.
2. Implementation of PICES-2012 decisions (Chuanlin Huo)
Review the relevant content of the Reports of the SB Meeting 2012 & the ISB Meeting 2013, and summarize the progress of MEQ work.
3. Review of the main achievement of MEQ-2013 (Chuanlin Huo)
Summarize the main achievements of MEQ in the past 1 year, especially the progress made on the MEQ Action Plan and the new experts group on AMR.
4. Relations with other groups/organizations (All)
Introduce the progress on their work with other groups or other organizations, such as GESAMP, NOWPAP, and so on.
5. Other business (All)
6. Reports from MEQ Expert Groups (WG21, WG28, SG-MP, S-HAB)
Experts from each WG or SG will report on the annual accomplishments and work plans for next year.
7. Introduction of the new WG-AMR (WG-30)
SG-RS Chairman, Prof. Zhang Yusheng will introduce the work of Study Group on Radionuclide Science in the North Pacific Ocean (SG-RS), and the Terms of Reference (TOR) and progress of new Working Group on “Assessment of Marine Environmental Quality of Radiation around the North Pacific” (WG-30).
8. Discussion and revision of Draft MEQ Action Plan (Chuanlin Huo)
Introduce the MEQ Action Plan (3rd draft), and discuss the way to incorporate comments and requests from the Science Board and its advisory panels. Discuss approach to prioritize the actions and tasks items, and steps needed to narrow the scope and number of tasks in order to make the AP more feasible. [Potential remedies and comments from members will be invited and appreciated, so that the revised MEQ Action Plan can be resubmitted to SB for consideration.]
9. Discussion and suggestion of the Proposal for the Process of Producing of new generation NPESR
Review the Proposal for the Process of Producing of the North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report (NPESR) and discuss the actions requested by FUTURE SOFE and MONITOR. These include nominations to the NPESR editor for the national MEQ ecosystem indicators (“ecosystem time series observations” or ETSOs) and management of the ETSO peer reviews for the NPESR editor.
10. Proposals of new Expert Groups (if any)
If there are some suggestions for new expert groups, all members will discuss them in the meeting.
11. Items with financial implications for 2014 (Topic sessions, Workshops, etc.) (All)
All WGs/SGs could propose their financial implications for topic sessions, workshops, etc. The meeting will form the document about financial implications to the science board.
12. Business of 2014 FUTURE Open Science Meeting (if any)
PICES FUTURE Open Science Meeting (OSM) will be held on April 15-18, 2014, Hawaii, USA. If there is any MEQ business or suggestions for it, members are invited to discuss them at the meeting.
13. MEQ Best Oral Presentation award for PICES 2013 (All)
Discuss and propose candidates for MEQ Best Oral Presentation award.
14. Relations with other groups/organizations (All)
Discuss MEQ-related work with other groups or other organizations. [Potential presentations and the duration from observers will be updated after contact with representatives.]
15. Other business (All)

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