

# **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 (Theriault): 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.