

## **Agenda for WG-31 Working Group on Emerging Topics in Marine Pollution**

Saturday Oct 17, 2015

Chairs: Peter S. Ross and Olga Lukyanova (absent this year: Won Joon Shim)

9:00: Introductions

9:10: Review of agenda and goals for the day

9:20: Review of WG-31 history, activities and deliverables

- 2014 (Korea): Microplastics (Topic session and Special Issue in Archives of Environmental Contamination and Toxicology)
- 2015 (China): Indicators (Topic session and proposed Special Issue in a journal) and workshop on 'Environmental Emergencies'
- Discussion on proposal for Topic Session at PICES 2016 (San Diego) and Special Issue in a journal: Hydrocarbon transport, fate and effects in the marine environment

10:00: WG-31 and FUTURE opportunities and tasks; PICES Status report plans for WG-31:

- Persistent, bioaccumulative substances;
- Hydrocarbons;
- Metals or elements of concern;
- Marine debris and microplastics.

10:15: refreshment break

10:30: Discussions (continued)

11:00: Roundtable presentations on 'What is an Indicator of ocean pollution?'

12:30: lunch break

14:00: Breakout groups to discuss data collation in support of PICES Status Report and four selected contaminant categories.

- Review papers and original research;
- Assessment leads and teams;
- Finalise framework / conceptual approach for each category;
- Deadline for report submission;
- Draft manuscripts for journal submission?

16:00: report back to group

17:00: relationship WG-31 to PICES groups and international organizations (e.g. NOWPAP, GESAMP)

17:15: 2016 as the final year for WG-31: roundtable on next steps