

## Draft MEQ Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, October 31, 2007, 16:00 – 19:30 hr, Victoria, BC

**Chairman: Glen S. Jamieson (Canada)**

1. Welcome and introductions.
2. Approval of agenda.
3. Business from last year's Annual Meeting [Jamieson]
4. Progress report of the Section on *Ecology of harmful algal blooms in the North Pacific* [Trainer]
5. Progress report of MEQ/FIS WG 19 on *Ecosystem-based management science and its application to the North Pacific* [Jamieson]
6. Final report of the Study Group on *Marine aquaculture and ranching in the PICES region* [Rust]
7. Report on the project "*Development of the prevention system for harmful organism's expansion in the Pacific Rim*" supported by a special fund from the Government of Japan:
  - a) HAB activities [Trainer]
  - b) Invasive species activities [Smith and Radashevsky]
8. Report on inter-sessional meetings:
  - a) Inter-sessional Science Board/Governing Council meeting and workshop to develop a Science Plan for future integrative scientific program of PICES, April 16-19, 2007, Yokohama, Japan [Jamieson]
  - b) 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on "*Marine bioinvasions*" and joint meeting of PICES WG 21 and ICES WG on *Introductions and Transfers of Marine Organisms* and ICES/IOC/IMO WG on *Ballast Waters and Other Ship Vectors* [Smith and Radashevsky]
  - c) other meetings?
9. Proposals for new subsidiary bodies (require Terms of Reference and list of potential members)
10. Discussion of the MEQ Strategic/Action Plan
11. Discussion on the next major PICES scientific program, FUTURE: Roles for MEQ and respective member countries
12. 2007 MEQ Best Presentation and Poster Award
13. Proposals for Topic Sessions and workshops at PICES XVII in Dalian, China  
(1-day Topic Session on "*Non-indigenous species: Climate change, evolutionary consequences and ecological impacts*" was proposed at PICES XV)
14. Suggestions for the theme for PICES XVIII In Busan, Korea.
15. PICES web site – MEQ content, etc.
16. Relations with other international organizations/programs
17. Items with financial implications
  - a) Proposed inter-sessional meetings for 2008 and beyond
    - (i) WG 21 workshop to evaluate the protocols and reach final agreement on standards, data elements and data entry templates for the MIS (Marine/Estuarine Invasive Species) Database for the PICES project on "*Development of the prevention systems for harmful organisms' expansion in the Pacific Rim*", late February or early March 2008, Seattle, U.S.A.
    - (ii) ICES/PICES workshop on "*Environmental interactions of mariculture*", April 2008, Victoria, Canada;
    - (iii) WG 19 inter-sessional meeting to review preparation of the final report, spring 2008
  - b) Proposed publication for 2008 and beyond
  - c) Travel support requests
  - d) Other items
18. Other business
19. Preparation of MEQ report and recommendations to Science Board