

**National Research Vessel Task Team
Meeting – April 13, 2022
Last updated: April 20, 2022**

Present:

Douglas Bancroft, CSSF
Douglas Wallace, MEOPAR
Melissa Anderson, University of Toronto
Rodrigo Menafra, MEOPAR
Bridget Graham, MEOPAR
Alexandre Forest, Amundsen Science
Susan Evans, CFI
Elizabeth Boston, NSERC
Anne de Vernal, UQAM
Anthony Redican, Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Jay Cullen, University of Victoria
Marcel Babin, Takuvik International Research Laboratory (U Laval & CNRS) and Amundsen Science
Dan Gibson, MEOPAR
Michelle Payne, NSERC
Marlon Lewis, Dalhousie University and Amundsen Science
Philippe Archambault, ArcticNet
Rachel Chang, Dalhousie University
Geoff Green, Students on Ice and C3
Kent Moore, University of Toronto
Greg Cutter, Old Dominion University
Erin MacNeil, DRDC
Casey Hubert, University of Calgary

Absent:

Jennifer Vollrath, NRCan on behalf of Daniel Lebel on behalf of Stephen Locke
Feiyue Wang, University of Manitoba
Paul Myers, CNC-SCOR
John Jamieson, CCOD
Suzanne Carbotte, Colombia University
Richard Dewey, Ocean Networks Canada/University of Victoria
Mark Hannington, GEOMAR
Stephen Locke, NRCan
Kenn Rankine, NSERC
Carey Ryan, Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Research Association
Adrian Schimnowski, Arctic Research Foundation
Rachel Sipler, Memorial University
Philippe Tortell, University of British Columbia
Guillaume St. Onge, ISMER
Clare Reimers, Oregon State University
Erik Lapointe, Reformar

Welcome: The Chair for this meeting, Doug Bancroft, welcomed all the members and observers of the National Research Vessel Task Team (NRVTT) and thanked them for their on-going support. Elizabeth Boston also welcomed Michelle Payne from NSERC as a new observer on the NRVTT.

Modular Ocean Research Infrastructure Initial Development and Demonstration (MORI IDD) Project

Update: Dan Gibson provided an updated on the MORI IDD project, including the project plan for the 2022 demonstration season. Four cruises are currently being planned for the 2022 season, as well as the

acquisition of new and specialized equipment. Dan's slides will be circulated to all NRVTT members and observers.

Update from Alexandre Forest re: partnership between Canada and France and Amundsen Science:

Since the last meeting of the NRVTT, Amundsen Science executed and formalized the agreement between Université Laval and Ifremer. The recent call for proposals received one Canadian applications, and one application from France. Alexandre also spoke to the Amundsen vessel life extension refit which is currently taking place. As a result, this season's field season will be shorter than usual. Amundsen Science is hosting their 2022 Planning Workshop on April 20, 10am – 3pm (Eastern). If you are interested in attending, email info@as.ulaval.ca. Alexandre's slides will also be circulated to all NRVTT members and observers.

Please contact [Alexandre](#) directly, should you have questions about these initiatives.

AOPS Update: Doug Bancroft provided a brief update regarding AOPS. In the coming months there may be increased opportunity for in-person discussions and potential visits of the ships. It was noted that there are differences between the Royal Canadian Navy and Canadian Coast Guard ships, and that these must be properly understood. Communication will continue on this initiative.

User Demand Survey: Doug Wallace introduced the User Demand Survey which was created by the three co-chairs of the NRVTT. This survey is building on the work that the NRVTT has done. MEOPAR is exploring the concept of establishing a national coordinated approach for sea-going initiatives during the next iteration of the network. NRVTT members and observers have been asked to provide feedback before the survey is finalized. Once finalized it will be circulated widely and we hope that members and observers fill out the survey and share it with their networks.