

**National Research Vessel Task Team**  
**Meeting – December 14, 2022**  
**Last updated: December 16, 2022**

**Present:**

Douglas Wallace, MEOPAR  
Douglas Bancroft, CSSF  
Bridget Graham, MEOPAR  
Rachel Chang, Dalhousie University  
Erin Bertrand, Dalhousie University  
Erik Lapointe, Reformar  
Alexandre Forest, Amundsen Science  
Casey Hubert, University of Calgary  
Dan Gibson, MEOPAR  
Michelle Payne, NSERC  
Anne de Vernal, UQAM  
Anthony Redican, Department of Fisheries and Oceans  
Shannon Stuyt, DFO  
Richard Dewey, Ocean Networks Canada/University of Victoria  
Jay Cullen, University of Victoria  
Michelle Payne, NSERC

**Absent:**

Rodrigo Menafrá, MEOPAR  
Melissa Anderson, University of Toronto  
Paul Myers, CNC-SCOR  
John Jamieson, CCOD  
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  
Geoff Green, Students on Ice and C3  
Susan Evans, CFI  
Marcel Babin, Takuvik International Research Laboratory (U Laval & CNRS) and Amundsen Science  
Marlon Lewis, Dalhousie University and Amundsen Science  
Suzanne Carbotte, Colombia University  
Philippe Archambault, ArcticNet  
Elizabeth Boston, NSERC  
Guillaume St. Onge, ISMER  
Breanna Gricken, NSERC

Greg Cutter, Old Dominion University  
Feiyue Wang, University of Manitoba  
Clare Reimers, Oregon State University  
Jennifer Vollrath, NRCan on behalf of Daniel Lebel on behalf of Stephen Locke  
Kent Moore, University of Toronto  
Erin MacNeil, DRDC

**Welcome:** The Chair for this meeting, Doug Wallace, welcomed members and observers.

**Amundsen Science Update:** Alexandre Forest provided an update on behalf of Amundsen Science. This update included a summary of this year's VLE Dry Dock, the 2022 Expedition, as well as an update about the ship time exchange with the French fleet, and some upcoming events. Alexandre's slides will be circulated to the membership of the NRVTT. For more information, please contact Alexandre directly at [alexandre.Forest@as.ulaval.ca](mailto:alexandre.Forest@as.ulaval.ca).

**BioGeoSCAPES:** Erin Bertrand provided an update on behalf of BioGeoSCAPES. This global project will span 10 years and will include a large amount of ship-time. Erin's slides will be circulated to the membership of the NRVTT. For more information, please contact Erin directly at [erin.Bertrand@Dal.Ca](mailto:erin.Bertrand@Dal.Ca).

**Ship Needs for Atmospheric Science and Environmental Chemistry:** Rachel Chang provided a presentation about the ship needs of atmospheric scientists and environmental chemists. Rachel's slides will be circulated to the membership of the NRVTT. For more information, please contact Rachel directly at [Rachel.Chang@Dal.Ca](mailto:Rachel.Chang@Dal.Ca).

**MORI Asset Management Plan:** MEOPAR's MORI IDD Project Manager, Dan Gibson, provided an update regarding the MORI Asset Management Plan. He mentioned the need for a marketing assessment. This work is on-going and will continue into the new year. If you have questions about this, Dan can be reached at [Daniel.gibson@meopar.ca](mailto:Daniel.gibson@meopar.ca).

**Reformar Update:** Erik Lapointe provided an update on behalf of Reformar. The Coriolis II is currently docked at COVE for the winter after spending 135 days at sea this year. The Lampsilis, another vessel owned by Reformar spent 50 days at sea this year. Erik will provide an additional update at the next NRVTT meeting. If you have questions, Erik can be reached at [erik.lapointe@reformar.ca](mailto:erik.lapointe@reformar.ca).

The Meeting Chair, Doug Wallace, mentioned the search for a third co-chair of the NRVTT. He thanked Melissa Anderson for her dedication to the role. The NRVTT is looking to broaden and diversify its leadership and membership and is currently seeking suggestions. Ideas and suggestions can be sent to MEOPAR's Operations Manager, [bridget.graham@meopar.ca](mailto:bridget.graham@meopar.ca).

In 2023, the NRVTT will discuss the expansion of the task team's role, as well as other initiatives that members and observers wish to undertake.