

National Research Vessel Task Team
Meeting – March 8, 2023
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Present:

Douglas Wallace, MEOPAR
Douglas Bancroft, CSSF
Bridget Graham, MEOPAR
Rodrigo Menafrá, MEOPAR
Dan Gibson, MEOPAR
Erik Lapointe, Reformar
Clare Reimers, Oregon State University
Michelle Payne, NSERC
Richard Dewey, Ocean Networks Canada/University of Victoria
Anthony Redican, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Marlon Lewis, Dalhousie University and Amundsen Science
Guillaume St. Onge, ISMER
Kent Moore, University of Toronto
Jennifer Vollrath, NRCan on behalf of Daniel Lebel on behalf of Stephen Locke
Marc Delisle, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Philippe Tortell, University of British Columbia
Greg Cutter, Old Dominion University
Anne de Vernal, UQAM

Absent:

Melissa Anderson, University of Toronto
Philippe Archambault, ArcticNet
Marcel Babin, Takuvik International Research Laboratory (U Laval & CNRS) and Amundsen Science
Erin Bertrand, Dalhousie University
Elizabeth Boston, NSERC
Suzanne Carbotte, Colombia University
Rachel Chang, Dalhousie University
Jay Cullen, University of Victoria
Susan Evans, CFI
Alexandre Forest, Amundsen Science
Geoff Green, Students on Ice and C3
Breanna Gricken, NSERC
Mark Hannington, GEOMAR
Casey Hubert, University of Calgary
John Jamieson, CCOD
Stephen Locke, NRCan
Erin MacNeil, DRDC

Paul Myers, CNC-SCOR
Michelle Payne, NSERC
Kenn Rankine, NSERC
Carey Ryan, Nova Scotia Offshore Energy Research Association
Adrian Schimnowski, Arctic Research Foundation
Rachel Sipler, Memorial University
Shannon Stuyt, DFO
Feiyue Wang, University of Manitoba

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

Presentation by Erik Lapointe from Reformar: Erik's slides will be distributed to NRVTT members and observers. If you have questions, please contact Erik directly at erik.lapointe@reformat.ca.

MORI Update by Dan Gibson: Phase I of the Modular Ocean Research Infrastructure Initial Development and Demonstration (MORI IDD) project is winding down. MEOPAR is currently focused on closing project activities and Dan's contract with MEOPAR is finishing up this month. Dan noted that his biggest lesson learned was the importance of planning especially given the different variables at play including the groups utilizing the ship, the variety of cruises and the different equipment.

User Demand Survey Results and MEOPAR Major Expedition Fund under the SSF by Doug Wallace:

The results of the User Demand Survey results will be collated and published by MEOPAR. Doug also mentioned three examples of current issues facing the community including using foreign vessels for research in Canada, as well as Canadians not being able to be chief scientists on foreign vessels. Finally, Canadian researchers are not able to take advantage of ships in Canadian waters for the research, including the recovery of equipment.

Doug also spoke to the proposed Major Expedition Fund under the SSF. MEOPAR is currently waiting to hear if funding has been approved for the organization to continue for the next five years. The Major Expedition Fund will provide approximately \$2 million a year, the goal is to use the fund strategically and to leverage the funding with other funding opportunities. There was a short discussion on how ship time support is currently requested and how in time, it would be beneficial for this to change and evolve. This discussion will be on-going.