

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE NORTH PACIFIC MARINE SCIENCE ORGANIZATION AND  
THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE EXPLORATION OF THE SEA**

**Recognizing** that the North Pacific Marine Science Organization, (PICES), hereinafter called "the Organization", exists to (a) promote and coordinate marine scientific research in order to advance scientific knowledge of the area concerned and of its living resources, including but not necessarily limited to research with respect to the ocean environment and its interactions with land and atmosphere, its role in and response to global weather and climate change, its flora, fauna, and ecosystems, its uses and resources, and impacts upon it from human activities; and (b) promote the collection and exchange of information and data related to marine scientific research in the area concerned. In order to further enhance its institutional capabilities, the Organization seeks, *inter alia*, to establish and maintain mutually agreed working arrangements with other international organizations which have related objectives.

**Recognizing** that the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea, hereinafter called "the Council", exists to: (a) promote and encourage research and investigations for the study of the sea particularly related to the living resources thereof; (b) draw up programmes required for this purpose and to organize, in agreement with its Contracting Parties, such research and investigations as may appear necessary; (c) publish or otherwise disseminate the results of this work; and (d) provide scientific information and advice to Member Country governments, and the regulatory commissions with which co-operative relationships have been established. In order to carry out these tasks appropriately and efficiently, the Council seeks, *inter alia*, to establish and maintain mutually agreed working arrangements with other international organizations which have related objectives.

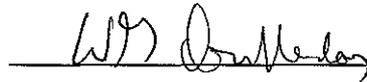
The Organization and the Council, hereinafter called "the Parties", have, therefore, agreed to the following Understanding:

1. There shall be reciprocal consultations and regular contacts between the Parties on matters of common interest in the field of marine scientific research, data exchange, and training and related activities, including environmental studies.
2. There shall be regular exchange between the Parties of information, documents, and publications relating to programme and project plans and to the results of activities agreed to be of mutual interest, joint or otherwise.
3. The Parties shall invite each other to be represented, in an observer capacity, at meetings of common interest, to the extent that this is possible within their respective working procedures.
4. The Parties shall, as appropriate, undertake joint activities, including when required, the establishment of joint subsidiary bodies or other suitable arrangements, to study and report on matters of common interest, including the support of those activities that concern them both.

5. The Parties shall consult regularly on ways in which co-operation between them can be further improved and extended. Specific joint programmes and activities may be defined through addenda to this framework agreement on a biennial basis.
6. The terms of this Understanding may be revised by the Parties if they both agree. The Understanding shall continue on the basis of the existing terms until new terms have been agreed.
7. Either Party may withdraw from the Understanding at any time subject to giving one year's written notice to the other Party.
8. Any agreement, arrangement or joint activity entered into in consequence of this Memorandum of Understanding which involves a financial commitment will be covered by an annex to this Memorandum governing the provision of funds.
9. Recognizing and fully respecting their various mandates, policies and priorities, the Parties agree that this Understanding shall enter into force upon signature and shall remain in force unless either Party withdraws pursuant to Paragraph 7 above.



President  
International Council for the  
Exploration of the Sea



Chairman  
North Pacific Marine  
Science Organization

Date: November 24 1998

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