



Teleconference

19th November, 15-1630 UTC, 16-1730 CET, 10-1130 EST

1. Welcome and Review of Agenda

The SAON ROADS Advisory Panel (AP) meeting was opened by Lauren Divine as she welcomed participants to today's teleconference (List of participants Appendix 1). She referenced that today's agenda (Appendix 2) had many items to cover and she then provided some highlights from the October AP meeting.

2. Phase 1 Salmon Documentation

Sandy introduced the new RNA CoObs efforts on the Expert Panel (EP) on Salmon. The Phase I material has been received and was circulated immediately in advance of today's AP meeting. The participants at today's meeting were divided into two break-out groups that took time to read the documentation and begin the evaluation.

High level feedback reflected that the documentation was well presented and that the EP seems to have gained valuable experience from other Phase 1 efforts. It was noted that further detail should be included in the documentation to describe why salmon are being observed (e.g. is it concern of collapse of salmon stocks?), and what the high-level issues are surrounding the monitoring itself (e.g. what is being monitored where; potential impacts or gaps, etc.). The communities of interest and their responsibilities/decision making requirements were addressed well in the documentation. In addition, it was noted that the Phase I documentation could be improved by asking for further refinement on the monitoring gaps. It was also suggested that clarification and more detail should be provided in the EP documentation regarding the alternative framework that they are proposing to use.

Margaret Rudolf emphasized the need to not have preconceived notions on monitoring until discussions with communities had taken place; and also, to be open to new ideas as the Phase I documentation is created. It was suggested that maybe the EP could be asked to frame how they will achieve understanding gaps and developing observations. The need to move the EP focus to pan-Arctic salmon issues was noted; however, it was acknowledged that this regional Phase I documentation is a good start.

Action Item: *Comments from the Advisory Panel on the Expert Panel on Salmon should be provided by 29th November. Margaret Rudolf agreed to serve as the AP Champion and liaison contact with the Salmon EP.*

3. Renewing the Membership of the Advisory Panel

Further to the discussions at the October AP meeting, Sandy reminded members that there will be a call for renewal of AP members. She asked that members please inform Jan Rene Larsen regarding their renewal intentions. If someone would like to step away from the committee, Sandy asked if they could provide names of individuals who could perhaps step

onto the committee. In particular, names of individuals from Indigenous communities who could serve on the AP would be welcomed. The use of social media to promote and attract members was discussed briefly and will be followed up again. Sandy noted that the SAON Board will be responsible for making decisions on the renewed membership of the AP.

Action Item: *Sandy asked that any AP member thinking of retiring from the Panel (or serving less than the 3-year term) should send her and Jan Rene a notification and identify, if possible, a new replacement member. The proposed timeline would see this item brought before the SAON Board by January 2025.*

4. ROADS Survey

Further to the discussions at the October AP meeting, Jan Rene presented recent developments. It has been determined to move the survey later into 2025. As discussed previously, this survey is proposed to inform the AP but also to serve to contribute to an Arctic PASSION deliverable (D6.3 Report on the SAON Progress in ROADS). The proposal is to target two groups: i) Insider survey- to those directly familiar with the ROADS process (e.g. AP members, Expert Panels, etc.) and ii) Outsider survey – to those more removed (e.g. SAON Board). The objectives of the survey would be to determine if the ROADS process is meaningful and beneficial to various stakeholders, including Indigenous organizations, researchers, funders, planners, and others.

Action Item: *Jan Rene welcomed additional questions from the AP members based on the material that has been circulated for today's meeting. Feedback is requested by the next AP meeting (December 17) where it could be discussed more fully during the call.*

5. Phase III Documentation

Alice spoke on development of the ROADS Phase III documentation (Developing Shared Arctic Variable Observing and Data System Requirements). She noted that work has been progressing and that further input is still required relating to data systems and the language around this. Further engagement with the AP members will be sought at future meetings.

6. Upcoming Events

The following meetings were noted but were not discussed on the call:

- ArcticNet 9-12 December: <https://event.fourwaves.com/ac2024/pages>
- AGU Annual meeting 9-13 December <https://www.agu.org/annual-meeting>
- Arctic Science Summit Week – 21 – 28 March, 2025, Boulder, Colorado <https://www.assw.info/>
- Arctic Science Summit Week 21 - 28 March, 2025, Boulder, Colorado – plans are moving forward well, there are seven sessions submitted to date; no Open Partnership meeting is planned at this point; there will be a joint meeting between the Arctic PASSION project and RNA Co-Obs initiative to discuss their experience with the ROADS process - <https://assw.info/program/business-and-community-meetings>
- SAON ROADS process has been submitted to ICARP IV as an “endorsed activity”. Discussions will continue at the ICARP meetings; AP members are encouraged to attend.
- Registration will open in November 2024; final program will be available in the new year. AP members were encouraged to attend the Arctic Science

Summit Week and participate in the numerous relevant sessions and meetings.

7. Other Business

- a. Heikki Lihavainen provided an update on the ArcticPASSION deliverable relating to Shared Arctic Variables (SAVs). Material to date provides background, description of the four ROADS Phases, and updates on current work on wildfires and permafrost expert groups. Interested individuals are welcome to provide input.

8. Actions items recap and closing remarks

- Action items are highlighted under the relevant agenda items.
- The next regular meeting will be 17th December, 15-1630 UTC, 16-1730 CET, 10-1130 EST.
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Appendix 1

Participants ROADS Advisory Panel Meeting

19th November 2024

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Advisory Panel Member Participants

Alona Alexia, University of the North
Alice Bradley, Williams College, AOS WG #4
João Canário, University of Lisbon, Portugal & IASC
Lauren Divine, Aleut International Association (AIA) – ROADS AP Co-Chair
Ola Grabak, European Space Agency, Earth Observation Directorate
Heikki Lihavainen, Arctic PASSION & SIOS, Co-Chair of SAON CON
Margaret Rudolf, RNA CoObs (& Food Security Expert Panel)
Mikko Strahlendorff, FMI, Finland
Sandy Starkweather, NOAA, USA – ROADS AP Co-Chair
Chantelle Verhey, World Data Systems (WDO), International Technology Office (ITO) &
Co-chair Elect of SAON Arctic Data Committee
Talia Wells, Arctic Institute of North America, (Sea Ice Expert Panel)

Member Regrets Absent

Christine Barnard, ArcticNet
Cathy Coon, CBMP/CAFF
Hanna K Lappalainen, PEXX
Sten Lund, Government of Greenland
Ilkka Matero, SIOS (Permafrost Expert Panel)
Tero Mustonen, SnowChange
Gier Otterson, Institute of Marine Research, Norway
Volker Rachold, AWI Germany
Andrea Spolaor, CNR, Italy
Tetsuo Sueyoshi, JAMSTEC/NIPR, Japan
Victoria Qutuuq Buschman, ICC
Katriina Veijola, FMI, Wildfires EP (Wildfire Expert Panel)

Advisory Panel Ex-Officio members

SAON Secretariat – Jan Rene Larsen
SAON – IASC Fellow – Izuchukwu O Ezukanma - absent

Appendix 2 - Agenda ROADS Advisory Panel

ROADS Advisory Panel

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19th November, 14-1530 UTC, 16-1730 CET, 10-1130 EDT

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83162376946>

Workspace for agendas and meeting notes:

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1rm3aGZcGuKaVMagkNNpU8sOEzEChKWns>

1. Welcome and Update (any) on Membership (Lauren, 5 min). [Minutes from call 22nd October 2024](#).
2. Phase I salmon documentation (Sandy, 45 min)
 - Proposal text (version November 2024, not available yet)
 - [Evaluation form](#)
3. Renewing the membership of the Advisory Panel (Sandy, 10 min). The Secretariat will write to the (SAON) Board members on this. You will find the original announcement [here](#). Version for comments [here](#).
4. [ROADS survey](#) (Jan, 30 min)
 - RNA CoObs Self-assessment (Margaret)
5. Phase III documentation (Alice, Lauren, 5 min)
6. Upcoming events (Jan, 5 min)
 - ArcticNet 9-12 December: <https://event.fourwaves.com/ac2024/pages>
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7. AOB (Jan, 5 min)
 - SAON Board teleconference 4th November
 - ArcticPASSION deliverable on SAVs (Heikki)
 - Invite the Semantics group for the December meeting (Jan)
8. Actions items recap and closing remarks (Lauren, 5 min)
 - The next regular meeting will be 17th December, 15-1630 UTC, 16-1730 CET, 10-1130 EST.

Please reserve the third Tuesday every month 16-1730 CET / 10-1130 am EST / 15-1630 UTC. Agenda and other meeting documents will be made available here:

<https://roadsadvisorypanel.org/meeting-documents>