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**Agreement between**  
**the International Arctic Science Committee**  
**and**  
**the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea**

In recognition of the changing climate regimes in the Arctic and impact on physical, chemical and biological oceanography of the Arctic Ocean, surrounding seas and subarctic seas; the increased need for interdisciplinary programs to understand and respond to changes in the Arctic; the inherent benefits of combining resources and scientific talent to impact politicians and funding officials and the resulting economies of scale; the International Arctic Science Committee (IASC) and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES) hereby enter into an agreement to collaborate through the IASC Working Group on Marine Sciences: the Arctic Ocean Sciences Board, and the Science Committee of ICES on science issues of interest.

The mission of the Arctic Ocean Sciences Board (AOSB), the Marine Working Group of the IASC is "to facilitate research in the Arctic Ocean and surrounding seas through the support of multinational and multidisciplinary natural science and engineering programs." This mission is carried out within the broader mission of IASC which is, "to encourage and facilitate cooperation in all aspects of arctic research, in all countries engaged in arctic research and in all areas of the Arctic."

It is the ICES mission to advance the scientific capacity to give advice on human activities affecting, and affected by, marine ecosystems. ICES plans and coordinates marine research through its Science Committee (SCICOM) and through a large number of expert groups, symposia, and an Annual Science Conference. ICES is committed to work collaboratively with the broader research community and funding agencies to develop research programmes and coordinate research activities, which address the most critical social and ecological concerns particularly of a broad and multidisciplinary nature.

Under this Agreement, the IASC through its Arctic Ocean Sciences Board and ICES through its Science Committee will explore areas for collaboration. The parties will explore the integration of surveys and observational technologies into operational ecosystem surveys. Collaboration on workshops, data exchange, project development, and reporting is encouraged under this agreement. The parties will invite each other as observers to annual meetings.

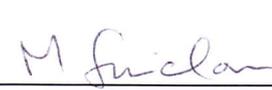
Parties to this Agreement will continue to bear responsibility for the costs of their own activities, but this does not preclude one party meeting the costs of the other should they wish to do so.

This Agreement will stay in effect until such time as one of the parties makes a request for termination.

Date: 9 Nov. 2010

Date: October 29, 2010

  
IASC President

  
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