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**Scientific Committee Draft Annotated Agenda  
and  
Announcement of Postponement of *Ecosystem Functioning Workshop***

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee have requested the Secretariat to circulate the attached draft annotated agenda for the 12-25 May 2020 meeting. The SC Chair and Vice-Chair are working with the Convenors to plan the 'virtual' meeting under these challenging circumstances. Further information on how the virtual SC meeting will be organized, including a draft timetable of Zoom meetings, will be circulated as soon it becomes available. Any comments on the draft should be submitted to the Chair ([robert.suydam@north-slope.org](mailto:robert.suydam@north-slope.org)) by 1 May 2020.

Also, the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee, in consultation with the Steering Committee, have decided to postpone the pre-SC Workshop on Ecosystem Functioning. This workshop, which is in collaboration with colleagues from the Convention on Migratory Species, was planned for 6-9 May 2020 in Cambridge, UK. The decision to postpone is in recognition of the global range of participants for this workshop and the challenge of the themes to be addressed in the all-day, four-day meeting. The workshop will be planned at a future date when participants are able to travel for an in-person meeting, mostly likely to be held in Cambridge UK.

We wish to express our thanks to the Steering Committee for this Workshop and notably its Chair, Fabian Ritter, for their efforts in planning the workshop. We also are grateful to the Animal Welfare Institute, Humane Society International and Pro Wildlife for their financial support of the workshop.

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*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*

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