

2020 Intersessional Governing Council Decisions

(The following decisions were taken by correspondence during April and May 2020)

2020/A/1: Decision to postpone the in-person 2020 Annual Meeting.

- i. Council approves the proposal from China and the Secretariat to postpone the planned PICES-2020 Annual Meeting until October 2021, in recognition of the great uncertainty regarding travel due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.
- ii. Council approves the offer of China to hold the PICES-2021 Annual Meeting in Qingdao and approves the request for up to \$40,000 from the General Fund to defray the costs of the 2021 Meeting, as requested by China.
- iii. Council agrees to replace the PICES-2020 Annual Meeting with a series of virtual meetings and directs the Executive Secretary, in collaboration with the Chairman, the Chair of the Finance and Administration Committee and the Chair of Science Board to develop a plan for virtual meetings to accomplish the essential work of the organization in the absence of a full PICES Annual Meeting. This plan should build on the lessons learned from the virtual Intersessional meetings of the FUTURE Scientific Steering Committee and Science Board originally planned for Vladivostok, Russia in April, 2020.
- iv. Council requests that Korea consider a request to host the PICES-2022 PICES Annual Meeting at a location and at a time to be determined and accepted the request for up to \$40,000 from PICES from the General Fund to defray the costs of the 2022 Meeting.
- v. Council requests the U.S.A. to confirm by September 30, 2020 a revised request to host the PICES-2023 Annual Meeting in the U.S.A.