

National AAROM Meeting

Meeting Purpose & Objectives

DATE:
February 4th - 6th, 2019

LOCATION:
Coast Capri Hotel
Kelowna, British Columbia



How did we get here?



Inspired by Indigenous Program Review:

- Noted the significant capacity built by AAROM departments, and that there are further opportunities to grow the network and diversify activities/services
- Need to support networking opportunities between AAROM departments so as to share information, advance collaboration and promote the network

The journey so far:

- A National Steering Committee was established in September 2018 with volunteer representatives from AAROM departments across the country and DFO NHQ to design and organize this event

And this is just the beginning of a journey...



Main purpose



An annual operational meeting for directors of AAROM departments to meet and work together to:

- Build and strengthen operations and outcomes for AAROM departments and the AAROM network as a whole
- Continue to participate in the co-design and co-delivery of a renewed AAROM program and receive DFO updates on program administration and renewal

...there are many, many issues facing AAROM departments and this first meeting only begins to scratch the surface...



How will this work?



At this inaugural meeting, we are trying out new approaches to collaboration which includes:

- Keeping presentations to a minimum and focused on promoting discussions and the sharing of ideas, best practices, and solutions
- Asking for your participation throughout – most sessions are designed to promote discussion and there are other options for providing input (e.g., sticky wall and program evaluations)
- Participation was also limited to one representative per organization in order to promote collaboration (not a symposium or typical networking event)



Some specific objectives



What happens over these two days will also inform future steps, including:

- Seeking early input on the design of an AAROM project fund
- Understanding your thoughts and priorities about how best to promote and educate others about AAROM and your organizations and promote collaboration (e.g., developing the AAROM Marketing and Partnership Toolkit)
- Scoping out the key challenges and opportunities facing your AAROM departments and setting priorities for possible future work that could help you meet your goals (could include possible “networking projects” undertaken between now and the next AAROM National Meeting)
- The future design and planning of AAROM National Meetings (a topic for further discussion at the end of day 2)

