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**Re: Invitation - North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES)
Seventeenth Annual Meeting**

Dear Dr. Orcutt,

On behalf of the Council of the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES), I have the honour of inviting a SCCOOS representative to be present as an observer at our Seventeenth Annual Meeting to be held in Dalian, People's Republic of China. The theme for PICES XVII is "*Beyond observations to achieving understanding and forecasting in a changing North Pacific: Forward to the FUTURE*".

Should your Organization decide to participate, it would be greatly appreciated if the name(s) and official address(es) of your appointed observer(s) could be forwarded to the PICES Secretariat by August 15, 2008. If your Organization would like to address PICES on collaborative issues, we will gladly arrange a time for this presentation at our Committee meeting(s), to be held Wednesday afternoon, October 29.

To allow our participants to learn more about your Organization/Program we would like to encourage you to prepare a poster that gives some general information and highlights your scientific objectives and recent activities. If you are interested in presenting a poster, please kindly indicate in your response to me by August 15 so a board can be arranged for you.

The scientific program of the meeting will be from October 24 to 31. Details of the meeting, schedule, registration, hotel accommodation and other logistics for the Seventeenth Annual Meeting can be found on the PICES website at <http://www.pices.int/meetings/annual/PICES17/background.aspx>. I extend my apologies for sending you this invitation late, after the deadline for early registration. However, if you or your representative should decide to attend, we will be happy to provide you the early registration rate. Your representative can register for the meeting on-line, but should he/she have any questions, please contact me or our Database and Web Administrator, Ms. Julia Yazvenko at secretariat@pices.int.

Thank you very much for your attention in this matter and I hope to see you in Dalian.

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Yours sincerely,



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