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I would like to submit the following abstract for consideration to be presented at the EA International Conference in Fairbanks, 23-26th Aug 2016.

TITLE: Ecosystem-based management in Norway: Pioneering implementation of regional-scale marine spatial planning

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ABSTRACT:

Marine Spatial Planning (MSP) is seen as a practical way to implement marine ecosystem-based management. Development varies globally, with Europe and Australia in the lead. The U.S. is lacking integration between legislation and executive levels and is lagging behind in development, but some regions, e.g. the Northeast and the Pacific states, are forging ahead with regional planning efforts. Research projects, regional organisations like the EU and global institutions like UNESCO have developed guidance both to develop the science base for MSP and plan development. Norway was an early implementer of MSP, with integrated management plans in place since 2006. Three regional plans have been implemented in Norway, two of which have been revised. The Norwegian experiences will be discussed in relation to international developments of both the science base and governance of MSP processes.

Best regards

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