

## **REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS**

The Committee on Hunting Methods met on 5 November 2008 in the Faroe Islands Representation in Copenhagen. Present were Egil Ole Øen, Chair and Hild Ynnesdal (Norway), Jústines Olsen, (Faroe Islands), Kristjan Loftsson (Iceland) and Charlotte Winsnes from the Secretariat. Ole Heinrich (Greenland) was unable to be present.

### **1. Introductory remarks, adoption of agenda and review of documents**

The Chair of the Committee, Egil Ole Øen, welcomed the Committee members to the meeting. The agenda was adopted and Charlotte Winsnes acted as rapporteur.

### **2. Workshop on "Handling, processing and utilisation of hunted marine mammals"**

A draft text for the the 1<sup>st</sup> announcement was presented to the committee for comments. Appendix 1 gives the final agreed version of the announcement. Charlotte informed the committee that Glenn Williams from NTI had accepted to act as co-chair and to take a lead in the work with the recommendations.

### **3. Expert group on best practices in sealing**

A 2<sup>nd</sup> draft of the background document with all agreed upon revisions incorporated had been distributed prior to the meeting.

The Committee agreed to restructure the document according to the terms of reference:

- 1. Background** with terms of reference, clarification of mandate and acknowledgments and list of references
- 2. Introduction** including an overview of species, where they are found and where they are hunted included quotas and catches
- 3. Hunting methods and equipment and hunting practises**
  - Rifle; types and ammunition
  - Hakapik; Norwegian and Canadien
  - Canadien club and slagkrok
  - Netting and trapping
  - Harpoon
  - Other methods; captive bolt, pistols. No descriptions, only mention that these have been assed site the conclusions

Under each bullet point there will be a concluding part for the expert group to finalise.

### **4. Training requirements for hunters**

Discuss what should be incorporated in curriculum for training and education requirement.

### **5. Control and monitoring of hunting methods**

What is required of the hunter to ensure that the animal is dead

National authorities need to control that laws and regulations are being followed

## **6. Research needs**

Identify research gaps and weaknesses and suggest a way forward

Related to the structure above the Committee members were given the following responsibilities (all page references are made to the 2<sup>nd</sup> version):

### **Egil:**

- part 2 to finalise the introduction chapter pages 2 to 3
- part 3 to finalise the bullet point on rifles; types and ammunitions, effects generally and specifically, results; what do we know. Advantages, disadvantages
- pages 28 to 35 in 2<sup>nd</sup> version on criteria for successful killing and neurophysical aspects to be incorporated either in the introduction part 2 or as an introduction to part 3 hunting methods and equipment
- page 4 Anatomical and physiological characteristics, to finalise the paragraph and to incorporate the information somewhere in the document
- part 6 Research needs

### **Justines:**

- part 3 to finalise the bullet points on hakapik, club and slagkrok.

### **Hild:**

- part 3 to describe the various hunting practices that are considered i.e. in Norway, Canada, Greenland, Iceland, Faroe Islands, Finland, Sweden, UK, Russia
- part 4 give an input on training requirements using the information prepared in connection with the EFSA report, look at recommendations in other reports

### **Kristjan:**

- part 3 make an overview of the use of different ammunition types

### **Ole:**

- part 3 to describe and finalise the bullet point on harpooning
  - 1) what kind of harpoon is used
  - 2) generally describe the use of harpoon; where it is used, when and on which species, where on the animal the target area is, how the animal reacts, if the animal is dead by the harpoon or if it is killed afterwards
  - 3) results/effect – the risk of losses
- part 3 to finalise the bullet point on netting and traps

### **Charlotte:**

- part 2 introduction to make an overview of species, hunted where and catches etc

Part 5 was postponed.

Committee members agreed to send their revised texts to the Secretariat by Monday 24 November. The chair and the Secretariat will then compile the inputs and send out a 3<sup>rd</sup> version in the beginning of December.

It is anticipated that the Committee will have to meet at least one more time before the working document is being distributed to members of the Expert Group. The plan is to send the document at least 3 weeks in advance of the expert group meeting i.e. before 31 January.

Members of the Expert Group will be informed of the proposed time schedule and process. The Working document is meant as a basis for discussions and hopefully may form part of the final report from the Expert Group. A proposed list of literature will be distributed to the Expert Group.

**6. Next meeting**

Tentatively the next meeting will be held in early/mid January 2009 in Copenhagen.

**8. Approval of the Report**

The report was approved through correspondence on 17 November 2008.