



RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Adopted NAMMCO 2 – January 1995; Amended NAMMCO 15 – March 2006 (external experts at working groups); NAMMCO 17 – September 2008 (chair period increased from 2 to 3 years); NAMMCO 18 – September 2009 (inclusion of Guidelines and Rules for Working Groups and data inputs); NAMMCO 19 – September 2010 (number of members increased from 3 to 6); NAMMCO 20 – September 2011 (procedures for inviting other invited experts); NAMMCO 21 – February 2012 (all SC members allowed to attend meetings); NAMMCO 24 – March 2015 (clarity and alignment to other BuFs); NAMMCO 25 – April 2017 (mainly complementarity and publication of meeting documents and reports); NAMMCO 26 of Council-BuFs meeting – March 2020 (deadline for circulation of meeting documents)

I. Terms of Reference

1. The Scientific Committee shall provide scientific advice to the Council on such matters that are referred to it and ensure that this advice is based on the best available scientific findings at any given time. This includes review and evaluation of data on stock identity, biological parameters, stock size, catch history and other information necessary for conducting an assessment of the species or stock in question and for providing advice on catch limits and conservation.
2. The Committee may make proposals to the Council concerning any scientific tasks to be included in its future work.

II. Membership

1. Each Member Country shall nominate up to six scientists as members of the Scientific Committee. The appointment is permanent or until the Member Country withdraw the nomination. Each Member Country shall have one vote when procedural or organisational matters are being dealt with.
2. The Scientific Committee shall elect by majority vote from amongst its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman. The Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall serve for three years, after which they may be re-elected. The terms of office of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman shall begin at the conclusion of the NAMMCO Council meeting for the year in which they are elected.
3. If for any reason the Chairman is unable to complete his term of office, the Committee shall elect a new Chairman at its next regular meeting. If needed, the Chairman of the Council may call for postal elections of the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Scientific Committee.
4. The Secretary of NAMMCO and the Data Manager of the NAMMCO Secretariat shall be *ex officio* non-voting members of the Scientific Committee.
5. The Scientific Committee may, on an *ad hoc* basis, nominate experts to participate in meetings of the Committee as *ex officio* non-voting members. Any such nomination of experts must reach the Secretary of NAMMCO no later than 30 days before the start of the meeting in question. The Secretary informs the Council of invited experts.