**DRAFT AGENDA**

**NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON ASSESSMENT**

**Greenland Representation**

**Copenhagen, Denmark, 25-27 January 2017**

Chair

Lars Walløe

# 1. Opening remarks

# 2. Adoption of the agenda

# 3. Appointment of rapporteur

# 4. Review of available documents and reports

# 5. Central North Atlantic COMMON minke whale stock[[1]](#endnote-1)

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## 5.2 Biological parameters

## 5.3 Catch data

## 5.4 Abundance estimates

## 5.5 Assessments

## 5.6 Recommendation for future research

# 6. FIN whale[[2]](#endnote-2)

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# 8. NEXT NAMMCO sc wg ON ASSESSMENT - PREPARATION

# 9. Other business

# **10. Adoption of the report**

1. Common Minke Whale

The meeting will focus on R-3.3.4, but if time allows, there may be discussion on R-1.7.11 and R-1.7.12.

***R-1.7.11 (ongoing):*** *develop estimates of abundance and trends as soon as possible*

***R-1.7.12 (ongoing):*** *Greenland requests the SC to give information on sustainable yield based on new abundance estimates expected from TNASS2015 for all large baleen whales in West Greenland waters*

***R-3.3.4 amended- see below (ongoing):*** *full assessment, including long-term sustainability of catches, of common minke whales in the Central North Atlantic… assess the short-term (2-5 year) effects of the following total annual catches: 0, 100, 200 and 400.* ***Amended NAMMCO/24:*** *The SC is requested to complete assessments of common minke whales in the North Atlantic and include estimation of sustainable catch levels in the Central North Atlantic.* [↑](#endnote-ref-1)
2. **Fin whale**

***R-3.1.7 amended (ongoing):*** *complete an assessment of fin whales in the North Atlantic and also to include an estimation of sustainable catch levels in the Central North Atlantic. While long-term advice based on the outcome of the RMP Implementation Reviews (with 0.60 tuning level) is desirable, shorter term, interim advice may be necessary, depending on the progress within the IWC. This work should be completed before the annual meeting of the SC in 2015.* ***Amended at NAMMCO/24:*** *The new amendment replaces the NAMMCO/23 amendment and reads: The SC is requested to complete an assessment of fin whales in the North Atlantic and also to include an estimation of sustainable catch levels in the Central North Atlantic. A long-term advice based on the new NASS2015 abundance estimate and the available results from the RMP Implementation Reviews (with 0.60 tuning level) is needed in 2016.* [↑](#endnote-ref-2)
3. **Humpback Whale**

***R-1.7.12 (ongoing):*** *Greenland requests the SC to give information on sustainable yield based on new abundance estimates expected from TNASS2015 for all large baleen whales in West Greenland waters*

***R-3.2.4 (ongoing):*** *conduct a formal assessment following the completion of the T-NASS…In addition the Scientific Committee is requested to investigate the relationship between the humpback whales summering in West Greenland and other areas and incorporate this knowledge into their estimate of sustainable yields of West Greenland humpback whales.* ***Amendment (NAMMCO/24):*** *adds the following text: “The SC is further asked to provide advice on future catch levels of humpback whales in West Greenland at different probability levels for a non-declining population evaluated over a 5 year period, similar to the procedure for the advice generated for beluga, narwhal and walrus. The advice should include the latest abundance estimate.”* [↑](#endnote-ref-3)