

Proposals for Conservation and Management and Research Recommendations-
Management Committee: Seals and Walruses

Code	Proposals for conservation and management to member countries	Response member countries	Recommendation for research to member countries	Response member countries
2.1 Harp seal				
	White Sea/Barents Sea population: equilibrium catch level of 19 200 1+ from 2015 and onwards (N24)			
	Monitor the catch level in Canada with reference to availability of young harp seals in Greenland. (N24)			
	Joint ICES/NAFO/NAMMCO working group on harp and hooded seals established (N24)			
2.2 Hooded seal				
	Greenland Sea stock protected since 2007, only removals for scientific purpose (SP). (N24)	N: 24 animals for SP (N22)		
	North West Atlantic population – no concern	GL and Canada shared stock – regular bilateral discussion on management (N11)		
2.3.0 Ringed Seal				
2.3.1and 2	Three geographical areas identified but abundance estimates only for Area 1. MC endorsed the SC conclusion that removals is sustainable (N6)			

			Pending enough information available Working Group in 2015 or later (N22)	
2.3.3	GL to take a precautionary stand and protect the Illulisat population until know more (N24)		GL to continue genetic work and planned survey (N24)	
2.4 Grey seal				
2.5 Harbour seal				
2.6 Bearded Seal				
2.61	Assess the status of the species (N19)	No request tabled (N24)		
2.7 Walrus				
2.7.2	TAC for all areas set using probability of sustainability higher or equal to 70% (N19).		Consider using a more robust system for monitoring the sex and age composition of the catch (N19)	
2.7.3	Assessment of Baffin Bay stock gave sustainable takes of no more than annual take of 85 animals in Qaanaaq 2016-2020. (N24)	GL: set S&L level to Qaanaaq to 3 % not 11% as advised by the SC.		
2.7.4	Canada/Greenland to establish a common management regime on shared stocks (N19) – as a minimum NAMMCO should request the Canadian catch data (N24)	GL: still lack of coordination with Canada (N24)	New age date and S&L data should be obtained from Greenland and Canada (N24)	