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DOCUMENT 11 REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS

Submitted by: COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS (CHM)

Action requested:

Council is asked to note the report from the CHM and endorse the following recommendations given by the Committee and approved by FAC:

- o *Rules of Procedure for the CHM – changes related to membership and terms of reference – see doc NAMMCO/25/17*
- o *Establish a new committee on animal welfare issues related to non-hunting issues – Rules of Procedures, see appendix 1*

Background: Council at NAMMCO 24 tasked the Committee on Hunting Methods to discuss the following issues and give recommendations on how to best address these in NAMMCO:

- 1) to review its Terms of Reference and give suggestions on how best to deal with the animal welfare concerns related to by-catch, entanglements and strandings in the NAMMCO framework.
- 2) to organise a workshop on alternative methods for collecting standardised YTD data that are less expensive, thus making it easier to compare YTD between countries.
- 3) to review underlying reasons for strack and lost (S&L) with the aim of decreasing the S&L rates and how to best collect data on S&L.