



NAMMCO Jubilee:

Celebrating 25 years of cooperation on whaling and sealing

The North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO) is preparing for its 25 year jubilee, which will take place in Greenland on April 5-6 at the Hotel Hans Egede, Nuuk, during its 25th meeting of the Council.

NAMMCO advises member governments of the Faroe Islands, Greenland, Iceland and Norway, on the conservation status of North Atlantic marine mammals, sustainable takes and responsible hunting methods.

NAMMCO provides advice based on science, local knowledge and technological developments. This advice is generated by International Expert Groups and reviewed by NAMMCO's committees. The organisation follows best practices and a precautionary approach. It strives to conduct an ecosystem approach to management.

These 25 years have resulted in a significant improvement in hunting methods and reduced time to death in many hunts. It has also led to a considerable progress in stock assessment. Several marine mammal stocks have increased in abundance following the implementation of management measures proposed by NAMMCO.

Leading up to the Jubilee, General Secretary Geneviève Desportes is available for interviews concerning the present situation for marine mammals and the results of the first 25 years with NAMMCO. Dr. Geneviève Desportes is a marine mammal expert who has conducted research and survey work for more than 35 years, in particular on North Atlantic harbour porpoises and pilot whales. She entered her present position with NAMMCO two years ago.

The Parties Councillors are also available for interview up to the Jubilee.

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Supplementary Information

The agreement to establish NAMMCO was signed in Nuuk on April 9, 1992

The 25th Council meeting of NAMMCO is happening on April 5-6, 2017, at the Hotel Hans Egede in Nuuk, Greenland. The agenda of the Council and Management Committee Meetings can be found at <http://www.nammco.no/news/nammco-25/>. The opening session of the Council Meeting (08:30 to 11:00, approximately, including the talk of the invited speakers) is open to the public.

More information on NAMMCO and its activities can be found at the website [nammco.no](http://www.nammco.no)