



NAMMCO Scientific Committee Working Group on Bycatch - 2

**2 - 4 May, Faroes Representation, Copenhagen, Denmark
Strandgade 91, 4th floor, 1401 København K
Starting at 9:00 on May 2**

DRAFT AGENDA (21-03-17)

1. CHAIRMAN WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
2. TERMS OF REFERENCE
 1. *Review the Norwegian harbour and grey seals and harbour porpoise by-catch data and estimates;*
 2. *Review the Icelandic lumpsucker and cod gillnet fishery by-catch data and estimates;*
 3. *Review the situation in the Faroese mid-water trawling - precise fleet description, by-catch risk and reporting; methods for improving the situation;*
 4. *Review the information from Greenland on reporting of by-catch for the different species.*
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
4. APPOINTMENT OF RAPORTEURS
5. REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS AND DATA
6. NORWAY
 - 6.1. By-catch data
 - 6.2. Fisheries and effort data
 - 6.3. Extrapolation method
 - 6.4. Evaluation of by-catch estimates
 - 6.5. Recommendations
7. ICELAND
 - 7.1. By-catch data
 - 7.2. Fisheries and effort data
 - 7.3. Extrapolation method
 - 7.4. Evaluation of by-catch estimates
 - 7.5. Recommendations
8. FAROESE
 - 8.1. Fleet description, including effort data
 - 8.1.1. Mid-water trawling
 - 8.1.2. Other
 - 8.2. Bycatch information
 - 8.3. Data gaps
 - 8.4. Recommendations
9. GREENLAND
 - 9.1. By-catch reporting and reliability
 - 9.1.1. Large whales
 - 9.1.2. Smaller whales
 - 9.1.3. Seals
10. OTHER BUSINESS
11. NEXT MEETING

ANNOTATION TO THE DRAFT AGENDA

Recommendation from BYCWG1 and SC23

- Norway, increase the reliability and the accuracy of the by-catch data in areas with high by-catch (i.e. especially Lofoten and Vesterålen) by increasing the number of vessels included in the CRF and insure a better species identification of by-caught seals.
- Iceland, obtain by-catch rate for the cod fishery outside the April peak season,
- Faroes, modify the logbook for allowing for by-catch species identification and provide to the next WG meeting data on the fleet especially on the pelagic and semi-pelagic trawl fisheries including VHVO trawl (fleet composition, relative effort and by-catch information).
- Greenland, provide information on the reliability of BC reporting for all species.

Discussion at SC 23

There was discussion on the recommendation that Iceland obtain information on seasonal variation in by-catch, and whether this is taken into account in Norway. The situation is different in Norway versus Iceland because the fishery in Norway is more time restricted, while the fishery in Iceland has a peak but occurs nearly year-round.

Ugarte informed the SC that through the MSC certification process for the lumpsucker and halibut fisheries, by-catch is under review. This information should be considered at the future By-catch WG.