

**Report of the Third Meeting of the Management Committee
(NAMMCO/MC3)**

Tromsø, 24-25 February 1994

The Management Committee met in Tromsø, 24 and 25 February 1994 and was attended by delegations from all member countries. The Committee also admitted observers from the Governments of Canada, Denmark, Japan and Russia to its meeting.

1. Adoption of Agenda

The Agenda as contained in Appendix 1 was adopted.

2. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman

Einar Lemche, Greenland was elected Chairman of the Committee and Arnór Halldórsson, Iceland was elected Vice-Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the Scientific Committee

The Management Committee noted the work of the Scientific Committee in dealing with the requests for advice on specific stocks forwarded to it from the Council, and noted further that the Scientific Committee had identified a number of aspects of research which still needed to be carried out before the Council's requests for advice could be fully addressed. The Management Committee noted the need for the Scientific Committee to complete this outstanding work as efficiently as possible.

It was also noted that the Scientific Committee had discussed the need for further guidance from the Council as to management objectives for specific cases and areas. The Committee agreed that member countries should inform the Scientific Committee of their particular management objectives.

a) **Development of Management Procedures**

The Management Committee decided to recommend to the Council that the Scientific Committee Working Group on Management Procedures be given the following future tasks:

- 1) With respect to the northern bottlenose whale the Committee requests the Scientific Committee to undertake the necessary modelling of the species as suggested under agenda items 9.2 and 10.2.2 of its report. While completing this task, the objectives used shall as far as possible be compatible with the RMP-like approach discussed in the report.
- 2) It was noted that the RMP could be an appropriate starting point in some future management cases. Therefore, taking into account the discussion in the Working Group on Management Procedures and the Scientific Committee, further development of RMP-like systems should be carried out.

b) Other matters

The Management Committee noted the delays associated with relying on the time schedules of other bodies for scientific advice on specific species. The Management Committee noted the Scientific Committee's request to Council to ensure that the necessary work is carried out so that work in outstanding areas can be expedited as soon as possible. In particular the Management Committee agreed to recommend that the Chairman of the Council write to the Walrus International Technical and Scientific Committee (WITS) to establish direct contact and ensure that the Scientific Committee receives copies of the relevant data and reports.

4. Report of the Working Group on Inspection and Observation

The Management Committee reviewed the report of the Working Group on Inspection and Observation. The Management Committee decided to charge the Working Group to carry out further work according to the specific recommendations (4.1 and 4.2) contained in its report. It was also decided to request the Working Group to pursue the development of a common inspection scheme for minke whaling in the North Atlantic, with reference to the list of basic elements outlined in the Working Group report, as well as further considering other aspects mentioned in section 4 of the report.

The Report of the Working Group on Inspection and Observation is attached as Appendix 2.

5. Any other business

Iceland raised the question of the possible need for calling extraordinary meetings of the Management Committee, depending on the outcome of deliberations on the resumption of whaling in Iceland.

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