



**JOINT MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES**  
6 March 2018, Tromsø, Norway

**DRAFT Report**

**1. CHAIR'S OPENING REMARKS**

The Chair of the Joint Meeting of the Management Committees, Nette Leversmann (GL), welcomed the delegates, observers, and invited participants to the meeting. Leversmann also introduced herself, and gave a brief summary of her involvement at the Ministry of Fisheries and Hunting Agriculture in Greenland.

**2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The agenda was adopted without revisions.

Leversmann drew the attention of the participants (Appendix X) to the documents for this meeting, in particular documents NAMMCO/26/MC/05 "Proposals for Conservation and Management," NAMMCO/26/MC/06 "Summary of Requests by NAMMCO Council to the Scientific Committee," and NAMMCO/26/08 "Report of the 24<sup>th</sup> Scientific Committee."

Prewit informed the MCF that document NAMMCO/26/MC/05 "Proposals for Conservation and Management" has a new format which replaces the table used in previous years, and the aim of the new format is to make it easier to track the progress of both new and old Proposals for Conservation and Management and Recommendations for Research.

**3. ECOSYSTEM APPROACH (R-1.5.3, 1.5.A, 3.A.9)**

**Review of requests by Council for advice from the Scientific Committee**

*R-1.5.3 (ongoing): monitor the development of the Murø River Project and assess qualitatively or if possible quantitatively the likely impact and consequences on marine mammals in the area*

*R-1.5.4 (ongoing): advise on the best process to investigate the effects of non-hunting related anthropogenic stresses on marine mammal populations, including the cumulative impacts of global warming, by-catch, pollution and disturbance.*

*R-3.A.9 - provide advice on the effects of human disturbance, including noise and shipping activities, on the distribution, behaviour and conservation status of bivalves, porcupine in West Greenland.*

The requests were discussed separately under the updates from the Scientific Committee (SC).

**Update from SC**

Tore Haug (NO), the Chair of the SC, updated the MCF on the SC's discussions regarding Ecosystem Issues.