



**TWENTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**7 - 8 March 2018, Tromsø, Norway**

**DOCUMENT 05            AUDITED ACCOUNTS 2017**

**Submitted by:            FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE (FAC)**

**Action requested:**

- For approval

**INCOME AN EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT FOR 2017**  
**(1 January - 31 December - in Norwegian kroner - NOK)**

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Contributions	4 469 280	4 379 001
Interest		3 413
Book sale	815	2 195
Employers Tax	250 613	240 398
NASS	172 801	5 282 796
MMFR	38 827	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4 932 336</b>	<b>9 907 803</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>		
Staff related costs	3 254 338	2 578 164
Rent of premises	214 986	232 975
Meetings	147 240	176 417
Travel and subsistence	302 711	354 909
Office supply	84 152	94 009
Communication & outreach	272 355	187 158
Accounts & auditing	170 337	126 447
Capacity building	7 700	24 282
Observation Scheme	70 302	163 338
Other expenses	4 032	11 261
Scientific Committee	124 982	172 800
Committee on Hunting methods	-	21 483
NASS	212 801	5 405 889
MMFR	138 827	
GROM	35 266	
Financial costs	13 730	
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>5 053 759</b>	<b>9 549 132</b>
<b>Result</b>	<b>-121 423</b>	<b>358 671</b>
<b>Excess of income over expenditure</b>		
<b>Excess of expenditure over income(-)</b>		
<b>Transfer from General Reserve</b>	<b>121 423</b>	
<b>Transfer to General Reserve</b>		<b>358 671</b>

**BALANCE SHEET 31 DECEMBER 2017**  
(NOK)

	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Outstanding claims	291 215	502 620
Bank deposits	3 988 867	4 653 631
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4 280 082</b>	<b>5 156 251</b>
 <b>EQUITY</b>		
Distributable equity		
General Reserve	645 355	766 779
Restricted equity	600 000	600 000
<b>TOTAL EQUITY</b>	<b>1 245 355</b>	<b>1 366 779</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>		
NASS	484 778	497 579
MMFR	120 712	159 539
Membership contributions	2 276 392	2 791 740
Other		
Creditors	113 200	300 493
Employers tax	39 645	40 121
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3 034 727</b>	<b>3 789 472</b>
 <b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>4 280 082</b>	<b>5 156 251</b>



To the Council of North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (Nammco)

## *Independent Auditor's Report*

### *Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements*

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#### *Opinion*

We have audited the financial statements of North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (Nammco) showing a loss of NOK 121 423. The financial statements comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2017 and the income statement for the year then ended. Management has prepared the financial statements based on the Fundamental accounting principles and generally accepted accounting principles in Norway.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements for the year ended at 31 December 2017, are prepared in all material respects, in accordance with in accordance with the Fundamental accounting principles and generally accepted accounting principles in Norway.

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#### *Basis for Opinion*

We conducted our audit in accordance with laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of Nammco as required by laws and regulations, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

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#### *Responsibilities of the General Secretary for the Financial Statements*

The General Secretary is responsible for the preparation in accordance with law and regulations, including fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with the Fundamental accounting principles and generally accepted accounting principles in Norway, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Nammco's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern. The financial statements use the going concern basis of accounting insofar as it is not likely that the enterprise will cease operations.

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#### *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report

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that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including ISAs will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with laws, regulations, and auditing standards and practices generally accepted in Norway, including International Standards on Auditing (ISAs), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. We design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Nammco's internal control.
- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Nammco's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Nammco to cease to continue as a going concern.
- evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with the General Secretary regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.



## *Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements*

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### *Opinion on Registration and Documentation*

Based on our audit of the financial statements as described above, and control procedures we have considered necessary in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements (ISAE) 3000, *Assurance Engagements Other than Audits or Reviews of Historical Financial Information*, it is our opinion that management has fulfilled its duty to produce a proper and clearly set out registration and documentation of the Nammco's accounting information in accordance with the law and bookkeeping standards and practices generally accepted in Norway.

Tromsø, 12 February 2018  
**PricewaterhouseCoopers AS**

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Hanne Sivertsen'.

Hanne Sivertsen  
State Authorised Public Auditor (Norway)