



NAMMCO PERFORMANCE REVIEW

Second Meeting of the Review Panel

Skype call

January 29, 13:00 Tromsø time

Meeting Report

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted as shown in Appendix 1.

2. Discussion on Dan's proposal for a presentation on the need for more time=more resources and Geneviève's plans in that direction

The Panel agreed to express the concerns about the inadequacy of the working days/resources allocated to the performance review in a formal letter addressed to FAC, the key points addressing:

- the necessity for flexibility in allocating time to the process of the review.
- the reasons why the additional time was needed.

The request will be submitted by the Chair of the Panel to Desportes by February 2 and she will forward it to FAC, as a document to the coming FAC meeting on February 12-13.

3. More discussion on the Modus Operandi

The points which had already been circulated and not objected to through email were still considered agreed upon.

a. Main objective of NAMMCO:

The Panel wanted clarification of the interpretation of the Article 2 of the NAMMCO Agreement.

"The objective of the Commission shall be to contribute through regional consultation and cooperation to the conservation, rational management and study of marine mammals in the North Atlantic".

The interpretation must be in the light of the Parties shared philosophy towards hunting and the use of marine mammal resources as food resources, i.e., conservation meaning a sustainable use, rational management encompassing the notion of a scientifically base management as well as responsibility.

b. Questionnaires/criteria

Concerning the development of questionnaires, the Panel agreed to

- compile the questionnaires, the general one and the one based on the criteria, into one.
- prepare a clear introductory note, which will clearly specify that

- respondents do not have to answer all the questions, but only those they find relevant to the role they have played in NAMMCO
 - respondents do not have to use the questionnaire but may choose a more descriptive/free way of giving comments in any format they wish
 - responses and comments received by the Panel will be treated in confidence and reviewed only by the Panel. Attributions to individual respondents will not be included in the report of the Performance Review Panel.
- rephrase the question concerning the ecosystem approach “extent to which it takes into account (...) tourism fisheries shipping”; the question shall be broken into three separate ones for each issue separately. All questions should be checked for similar issues.
 - the questionnaire will be prepared as a multiple-choice questionnaire, but people will also have the possibility of freely adding comments.
 - no limit for length of comments will be provided.

The questionnaire will be distributed to the respondents from the pool of respondents prepared by the Secretariat. It should be sent quickly enough, so answers can be used to prepare for the interviews of those attending the Council meeting.

c. New documents prepared by the NAMMCO Secretariat

Some documents have been uploaded already. However the Secretariat is also preparing for the meetings of the FAC, CHM, CIO and ByCELLS (mid-February), as well as the Council meeting. The NAMMCO the Scientific Secretary has just resigned and the process for hiring a new one must also start immediately. Therefore, some delay must, regrettably, be expected.

Should be added to the list of documents to be provided to the Panel already agreed upon (last meetings or email correspondence):

- the list of all ToRs for all Committees, Working and Expert Groups, both scientific and others.
- the documentation for the five achievement points mentioned in the second paragraph of the Nuuk Declaration¹, (incl. details and examples).
- the schedule of the interviews around the Council meeting

The Secretariat should both inform the Panel members of document being uploaded and circulate them by mail as well.

The list of documents mentioned so far are listed in Appendix, with their date of delivery or expected date of delivery.

d. General ideas on our report, given the current available time/resources

Desportes informed that the changes to the Review criteria asked for by the Panel have been accepted.

¹ “Considering the progress accomplished in the last 25 years towards the sustainable and responsible use of marine mammals within NAMMCO, and particularly:

- better knowledge on marine mammal populations and their sustainable management,
- sound management advice that has contributed to increases in marine mammal population sizes,
- the increased coordination of the Parties’ marine mammal research and monitoring, leading to a greater understanding of the role of marine mammals in the North Atlantic marine ecosystem,
- the significant improvements in hunting methods,
- the establishment of an effective observation scheme for hunting activities in member countries;”.

The OS and the Nuuk declaration should be used in the report as elements reflecting the self-evaluation of the Parties on NAMMCO and their contribution to NAMMCO, as well as expectations.

The report will be structured according to the document presently developed by the Panel. Further discussion will follow.

4. Questions to Chair of SC and others.

The Panel agreed to forward three questions to the SC Chair, related to the criteria the Panel were given. These are

- i) What progress has been made by the SC in response to ongoing and standing requests from the Council related
 - + To climate change
 - + To interaction between marine mammals and commercially exploited marine resources and multispecies approaches to management
- ii) Why does the new WG on by-catch not include tourism and shipping.

This last question must however not be referred to the Scientific Committee Chair(s), as it is not a scientific working Group but a WG, directly under the remit of Council, dealing with welfare issues associated to by-catch, entanglements and live strandings. The question should be addressed directly to Council or Head of Delegations.

The Panel will request a written response from Greenland, providing details related to the PISUNA program, including prospects for continued funding. The Panel is specifically interested in two questions:

- + are the users satisfied?
- + what is the likelihood of continued funding for this programme?

5. Arrangements and plans for the council meeting & back-to-back face-to-face meeting (schedule and interviews)

It was confirmed that the first face to face Panel meeting will take place in Tromsø, following the Council meeting in March 2018. The duration of the meeting is planned for two working days.

The Panel decided to conduct interviews with

- + NAMMCO member states delegations
- + Present and former Chairs of Council and Committees (MCs, SC, CHM, CIO, BYCELS)
- + Observer delegations: Canada, Denmark, Japan, Russian Federation, Makivik Corporation
- + IWC, Livin, the hunter from Greenland (if possible)

GD will propose a schedule for the interviews according to the availability of the different delegations and persons.

Caterina and Dan can interview the more scientific staff while Russel has not arrived.

6. Next meeting

The third meeting of the Performance Review Panel will be via Skype call, on February 19, 2018, at 13:00 Tromsø time (7:00 Washington DC, 12:00 UK, 21:00 Japan).

Appendix 1

Second meeting of the Performance Review Panel

Skype call – January 29, (1pm Tromsø time)

Agenda

1. Adoption of the Agenda
2. Discussion on Dan's proposal for a presentation on the need for more time=more resources and Geneviève's plans in that direction (15')
3. More discussion on our MO:
 - Main objective of NAMMCO: (10')
 - Questionnaires/criteria (10'), including cost saving measures
 - Pool of respondents (15'), including cost saving measures
 - New documents prepared by the NAMMCO Secretariat (20'-30')
4. General ideas on our report, given the current available time/resources (10-15')
5. Questions to Chair of SC and others
7. Arrangements and plans for the council meeting
8. Next meeting

Appendix 2

Proposed documents, to be forwarded, most of them ideally by the end of January

	Planned Delivery	Delivery
List of Annual reports and information on the Council meetings, Committee meetings and National Progress reports they cover/refer to, with information on Chairs.	31/01	27/01
Time line of events/activities/ main decisions	31/01	25/01
List of key people in NAMMCO	31/01	25/01
List of requests of advice from Council to Committees and answers by committees SC CHM CIO	31/01	13/02
List of all advices provided to the Council/Management Committees (MCs) by all committees, decision by Council/MCs, and answers by Parties SC CHM CIO	31/01	
Review of international legal instruments which may be relevant to NAMMCO	31/01	
Overview of observation activities (target hunts)	31/01	29/01
SC: Historic: SC Members & Participants to Annual meeting (all)	31/01	27/01
Overview of the conservation status of marine mammal stocks in NAMMCO countries	31/01	29/01
Overview of Marine Mammal Hunting Methods, inc. national regulations & monitoring/observations in NAMMCO countries	31/01	29/01
Overview & Evaluation of the implementation of the NAMMCO Control Scheme by Secretariat (after CIO meeting in February 2018)	Exp. 28/02	

Requested documents, to be forwarded, ideally by the end of January

A list of the species that are within NAMMCO's remit;	31/01	26/01
Draft timetable of interviews for the Council meeting week in March	31/01	
All possible email contacts for our potential Respondents group	31/01	05/02

Requested documents, to be forwarded, ideally by the end of February

A list of the major achievements (or issue specific progress) of each of the NAMMCO Committees.	28/02	
A summary of the activities undertaken under the NAMMCO control scheme.	28/02	
A list or summary of the major actions undertaken by the NAMMCO council related to finance and administration.	28/02	
Graphs illustrating changes in the NAMMCO budget and changes in the allocations of funds.	28/02	
A chronology of activities undertaken by NAMMCO related to public information/communications.	28/02	

The historic status of each of MM stocks	28/02	
A description of the Secretariat staff and the responsibilities of the various positions.	28/02	
The NAMMCO Council at its 2017 meeting adopted the "Nuuk Declaration". For each of the 5 bullet points that are the substance of paragraph 2 (beginning with "Considering...") please provide additional detailed information and specific examples.	28/02	