



NAMMCO Committee on Hunting Methods

February 14, 2018 at 09:00 hrs, the Greenland Representation

Draft annotated agenda – revised 9 February

1. Opening procedure
 - Introductory remarks
 - Adoption of agenda and review of documents
2. Update from members on hunting methods and regulationsⁱ
3. Overview of recommendations and follow ups from all WS and Expert Group meetingsⁱⁱ
4. Struck and Lostⁱⁱⁱ
5. Collection of TTD data^{iv}
6. Video on handling explosive grenade^v
7. SWOT^{vi}
8. Next meeting
9. AOB

List of Documents

NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/01: Annotated agenda and list of documents

NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/02: List of reference on Hunting methods

NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/03: List of law and regulations in member countries

NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/04: Struck and lost – working document

NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/05: Overview recommendations and follow ups

NAMMCO/CHM/CIO/BYCELS-2018-02: SWOTS

Annotations

ⁱ Documents [NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/02](#) and [NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/03](#) gives an overview of references on hunting methods in member countries and of laws and regulations in member countries respectively. Members are asked to inform the committee of any changes or amendments to the hunting methods in their respective countries, and to report on the following points as appropriate:

- Quotas
- Number of active hunting boats
- Catch numbers including struck and lost
- Hunting period
- Strandings
- Irregularities
- Others

ii NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/05 gives an overview of all recommendations and responses from all Workshops and Expert Group meetings. CHM is asked to go through this list and update were appropriate. The idea is that this exercise can serve as inspiration for identifying future focus of the work of CHM.

iii [NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/04](#) contains the updated working document on S&L. In 2016 the Secretariat had prepared document (NAMMCO/CHM-October/2016-5) giving an overview of the known S&L rates today for different hunts. CHM agreed to make this into a working document for the Committee in its work on S&L, and the Secretariat had been tasked to update the document.

CHM agreed that collection of S&L data for large whales were controlled and that the big challenge was with respect to the small whale hunts. CHM (Feb 2017) did not have any concrete solutions but pointed out that there might be a need for reviewing regulations for those hunts where S&L are thought to be high.

The NAMMOC SC discussed S/L at their last meeting and concluded:

*It further noted that better S&L rate data may not always be the priority parameter for improving assessments, given the difficulty of obtaining such data. However, given the importance of identifying S&L rates for some hunts more than others, it was agreed that one way forward was to **direct WGs to indicate when more reliable S&L were a priority for improving the assessment and would make the most significant difference in terms of quota allocation, so the collection of S&L data could be prioritised for these hunts.** The WG could then give recommendations on how to better obtain S&L data for the targeted hunts.*

For the CHM the animal welfare issue is the focus and CHM could discuss the possibility of identifying priority hunts to further investigate S/L. Following from this would be the necessity to discuss how this best can be done.

iv CHM agreed to postpone a more indebt discussion at a previous meeting to be able to discuss the issue in more detail internally in the member countries.

v Greenland has made a video on handling of the penthrite grenade on harpoon guns. The video was shown at NAMMCO 25. Greenland is asking CHM to give advice on a text for narration to the video.

vi As in input to the strategy and capacity building discussion in NAMMCO, and as a tool for future evaluation, the Chair of NAMMCO, Amalie Jessen, has initiated a process of SWOT analysis to see where NAMMCO and the different committees stand in terms of strength, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. Document [NAMMCO/CHM/CIO/BYCELS-2018-02](#) gives some background to SWOT and also a draft SWOT for the BYCELS developed by the Chair and the Secretariat