



**TWENTY SIXTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL**  
**7-8 March 2018, Science Park (Forskningsparken), Tromsø, Norway**  
 Starting at 8:30 on Wednesday 7

**DRAFT AGENDA - February 19, 2018**  
 (Annotated March 01, 2018)

Agenda Items	Document Reference
<p><b>1. OPENING PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>1.1. Welcome address            1.2. Admission of observers            1.3. Opening statements            1.4. Adoption of agenda &amp; list of documents            1.5. Meeting arrangements            1.6. Presentation from Invited Speaker</p> <p><i>“Marine Mammals and Nunavik Inuit”, by Adamie Delisle-Alaku, Makivik Corporation, Quebec, Canada.</i></p> <p>1.7. Other business</p>	<p>NAMMCO/26/01</p> <p>NAMMCO/26/02 &amp; 03</p>
<p><b>2. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>2.1. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee            2.1.1. Audited accounts 2017            2.1.2. Performance review            2.1.3. Other items            2.1.4. Budget 2018 and draft budget 2019</p> <p>2.2. Other business</p>	<p>NAMMCO/26/04            NAMMCO/26/05            NAMMCO/26/06</p> <p>NAMMCO/26/07</p>

<b>3. NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS</b>	NAMMCO/26/NPR-F 2016 &2017 NAMMCO/26/NPR-G 2016 &2017 NAMMCO/26/NPR-I 2016 &2017 NAMMCO/26/NPR-N 2016 &2017 NAMMCO/26/NPR-C 2016 NAMMCO/26/NPR-J 2016 NAMMCO/26/NPR-R 2016 NAMMCO/26/NPR catches 2016-17
<b>4. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE</b>  4.1. Report of the Scientific Committee 4.1.1. Overall work in 2017 4.1.2. Cooperation with other organisations 4.1.3. Proposed workplan for 2018-2019 4.1.4. Other business 4.2. Adoption of priorities and work plan for the SC in 2018-2019 4.3. Other business	NAMMCO/26/08 & 22
<b>5. COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS</b>  5.1. Report of the Committee on Hunting Methods 5.2. Other business	NAMMCO/26/09
<b>6. COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION</b>  6.1. Report of the Committee on Inspection and Observation 6.2. The joint NAMMCO Control Scheme 6.2.1. Observation scheme in 2017 6.2.2. Observation scheme planned for 2018 6.3. Other business	NAMMCO/26/10 NAMMCO/26/11
<b>7. WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH, ENTANGLEMENTS AND LIVE STRANDINGS</b>  7.1. Report of the Working Group on By-Catch, Entanglements and Live Strandings 7.2. Other business	NAMMCO/26/12
<b>8. JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES</b>  8.1. Report of the meeting of the Joint Management Committees 8.2. Other business	NAMMCO/26/13
<b>9. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR CETACEANS</b>  9.1. Report of the Management Committee for Cetaceans 9.2. Other business	NAMMCO/26/14
<b>10. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEALS AND WALRUSES</b>  10.1 Report of the Management Committee for Seals and Walrus 10.2 Update on EU seal ban and Inuit exemption 10.3 Other business	NAMMCO/26/15

<p><b>11 ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS &amp; ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT</b></p> <p>11.1 Sealing in an ecosystem perspective 11.2 Challenges from whale watching developments 11.3 Other business</p>	
<p><b>12 ADOPTION OF NEW REQUESTS FOR ADVICE FROM THE COUNCIL</b></p>	NAMMCO/26/18
<p><b>13 NEW PROPOSALS FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT</b></p>	NAMMCO/26/19
<p><b>14 MARINE MAMMALS AS FOOD RESOURCES (MMFR)</b></p> <p>14.1 Report of the MMFR Project 14.2 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/26/16
<p><b>15 EXTERNAL RELATIONS</b></p> <p>15.1 Cooperation with international organisations 15.2 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/26/17
<p><b>16 INFORMATION &amp; COMMUNICATION</b></p> <p>16.1 Website 16.2 Social media 16.3 Other events 16.4 Scientific publications 16.5 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/26/20
<p><b>17 ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b></p>	
<p><b>18 CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS</b></p> <p>18.1 Press release 18.2 Next meeting</p>	NAMMCO/26/21

## ANNOTATIONS TO NAMMCO/26/2 - DRAFT COUNCIL AGENDA

### **Agenda 2. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Item 2.1 concerns all items under the report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC), circulated as NAMMCO/26/04. NAMMCO/26/05 comprises the audited accounts for 2017, incl. result and balance sheet and the auditor's report. NAMMCO/26/06 present an update on the ongoing Performance Review. NAMMCO/26/07 presents the budget for 2018 and draft budget for 2019

### **Agenda 3. NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS (NPR)**

The 2016 NPR were delivered in time of the meeting of the Scientific Committee in November 2017. In agreement with the decision of NAMMCO 25 on the delivery deadline of the annual National

Progress Report, forwarded to March 1 of the following year, the Parties of NAMMCO have also delivered the 2017 NPR. Therefore, both the 2016 and 2017 reports are available to this meeting of the Council.

Under this item, Parties have the opportunity to inform on national matters relevant to Council.

#### **Agenda 4. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

The Report of the Scientific Committee (SC) is circulated as NAMMCO/26/8. It includes the Executive Summary and main report and three annexes containing the reports from NAMMCO Scientific Committee Working Groups (WG) on Large whale Assessment (Annex 1), the NAMMCO-JCNB joint scientific WG on narwhal and beluga (Annex 2) and NAMMCO Scientific Committee WG on By-catch (Annex 3). The report of the Global Review of Monodontids (GROM) meeting is presented as NAMMCO/26/22.

The Chair of the SC will give a summary presentation of the SC report related to the overall work of the SC. Details and recommendations pertaining to species are dealt with in the relevant Management Committees and will be presented under agenda item 8 to 10 and 12-13.

#### **Agenda 5. COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS**

The Report of the Committee on Hunting Methods under 5.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/26/09. The Committee's advice to Council will be presented under this item.

#### **Agenda 6. COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION**

The Report of the Committee on Inspection and Observation under 6.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/26/10. The Committee's advice to Council will be presented under this item.

Observation activities in 2017 and planned activities in 2018 will be reported under 6.2. (NAMMCO/26/11).

#### **Agenda 7. WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH, ENTANGLEMENT AND LIVE STRANDINGS**

The Report of the Working Group on By-Catch, Entanglement and Live-Strandings under 7.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/26/12. The Working Group's advice to Council will be presented under this item.

#### **Agenda 8. JOINT MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES**

The Report of the Joint Meeting of the Management Committees, which will meet on Tuesday 6 March, will become available during the meeting as NAMMCO/26/13 on Thursday 8 March.

#### **Agenda 9. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR CETACEANS**

The Report of the Management Committee for Cetaceans which will meet on Tuesday 6 March, will become available during the meeting as NAMMCO/26/14 on Thursday 8 March.

#### **Agenda 10. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEALS AND WALRUSES**

The Report of the Management Committee for Seals and Walruses, which will meet on Tuesday 6 March, will become available during the meeting as NAMMCO/26/15 on Thursday 8 March.

#### **Agenda 11. ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS & ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT**

Presently there is no documentation to consider under this agenda item. However, the report from the Joint Meeting of the Management Committee (NAMMCO/26/13) will have relevant elements. Desportes will deliver a presentation titled: "Arctic Sealing in an ecosystem perspective". Update from Parties on the development of whale and seal watching activities are expected. Update from Canada on relevant mining projects is expected.

**Agenda 12. ADOPTION OF NEW REQUESTS FOR ADVICE**

Under this item, following the reporting by the Management Committees, the Committee on Hunting Methods and the Committee on Inspection and Observation and subsequent discussions, the list of new requests and/or modifications to existing requests for advice by the Committees will be presented for adoption by Council. This document will become available to the meeting as NAMMCO/26/18 on Thursday 8 March.

**Agenda 13. NEW PROPOSALS FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT**

Under this item, following the reporting by the Management Committees, the Committee on Hunting Methods and the Committee on Inspection and Observation and subsequent discussions, the list of all the new proposals for conservation and management will be presented to Council for information. This document will become available to the meeting as NAMMCO/26/19 on Thursday 8 March.

**Agenda 14. MARINE MAMMALS AS FOOD RESOURCES**

The status of the project will be reported under this item (NAMMCO/26/16).

**Agenda 15. EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

Document NAMMCO/26/17 presents the reports from meetings attended on behalf of NAMMCO.

**Agenda 16. INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION**

An update on outreach activities, incl. a status of NAMMCO website, activities on the website and social media (NAMMCO/26/20) and scientific publications will be given under this agenda item.

**Agenda 17. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There is at present no specific point under this item.

**Agenda 18. CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS**

The press release, which will become available on Thursday 8 March as NAMMCO/26/21, should be approved (18.1). The venue and likely dates of the next Council meeting (18.2) needs to be decided. The host for NAMMCO 26 will be the Faroe Islands