



**NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
WORKING GROUP ON WALRUS
23-25 October 2018
Greenland representation – starting at 9:00 on 23 October**

Draft Agenda (Rev 160518)

1. OPENING REMARKS
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS
4. REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS
5. STOCK STRUCTURE
6. LIFE HISTORY PARAMETERS
7. CATCH STATISTICS
 - 7.1 Reported catch
 - 7.2 Struck and lost (R-1.6.4)
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9. ASSESSMENT BY STOCK (R-2.6.7, R-1.6.5)
 - 9.1 Present status
 - 9.2 Management recommendations
 - 9.2.1 Sustainable harvest levels
 - 9.2.2 Carryover of quotas to new period
10. NON-HUNTING HUMAN IMPACTS (R-1.5.4, R-2.6.3)
11. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESEARCH
12. OTHER BUSINESS
13. ADOPTION OF REPORT

ToRs for that specific meeting

R-2.6.7: provide assessments of, and advice on sustainable removals from, all stocks of walrus in Greenland covering the period from 2019 to 2023, with the advice for Qaanaaq starting in 2021.

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

Active Requests from Council to be followed up:

R-2.6.3: provide advice of the effects of human disturbance, including fishing and shipping activities, in particular scallop fishing, on the distribution, behaviour and conservation status of walrus in West Greenland.

R-1.6.4: provide advice on the best methods for collection of the desired statistics on losses

R-1.6.5: struck and loss rates should be subtracted from future advice on sustainable removals in Greenland, with the advice being given as total allowable landings.

Annotations

Agenda point 7.2

The SC recommended that catch statistics include correction for struck but lost animals for different seasons, areas, and catch operations and was therefore requested to provide advice on the best method for collecting them for the different types of hunt.

Agenda point 9.2.2

NAMMCO 21 (2012) requested the SC to investigate the possibility to include a carryover for quotas in order to include this possibility in the next hearing for the new quota block period [following the quota block 2010-2012].

SC 20 (2013) concluded, on the basis of the conclusion of the WWG (Nov 2013), that there is no biological argument against carryover of unused quotas. A problem arises if carryovers accumulate over time and/or across assessments.

Carrying over was implemented in Greenland in 2014.

As there is a new assessment to be conducted, the WG should advise regarding carrying over from the former quota block.