

COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION

November 28, 2018, Greenland Representation, Copenhagen
(Starting at 09.00 am)

Draft annotated agenda

1. Opening procedure
- Adoption of agenda and review of documents
2. Review of the Observation Scheme and its implementationⁱ
5. Update on national monitoring dataⁱⁱ
6. Observation seasons 2018 and 2019ⁱⁱⁱ
7. Election of officers^{iv}
8. Next meeting
9. Any other business

List of Documents

NAMMCO/CIO-2018-02-01 Annotated agenda

NAMMCO/CIO-2018-02/02 Review of the Observation Scheme with appendices in pdf

NAMMCO/CIO-2018-02/03 Overview of national inspections – excel file

Annotations

ⁱ Document [NAMMCO/CIO-2018-02/02](#) contains the internal evaluation of the Observation scheme developed by the Secretariat, and with comments made in the meeting and via correspondence after the meeting by NO, FO and IS.

Excerpt from the Council 2018 report, item 6,1, page 12:

Council expressed their appreciation of and support to this review of the Observation Scheme. It tasked the Committee to continue the review, with the aim of presenting the results and recommendations at the next Council meeting. The review should both look at the text of the Provisions and the implementation of the Observation Scheme.

An email circulated 31 August to the members of CIO is copied here as it summarises what has been done and highlights what needs to be addressed and discussed in the meeting:

Excerpt from the CIO report, item 2, page 4

- *It was agreed that the document ([NAMMCO/CIO-2018-02/02](#) Review of Observation Scheme) would have status as an internal working document. **The Sec sent an email requesting comments to the document on 2 May. Based on comments received the document was revised and circulated to the Performance Review Panel and CIO members on 16 July (attached you will find this version and its attachments as pdfs).***
- *The CIO noted that it might be interesting to compare reports of the NAMMCO observer and that of the national observer for specific hunts and season, to see whether they differ and thus indicating some possible issues. It was agreed that*

the Secretariat would make a table and circulate it to the members for their input. In the before mentioned email from 2 May a table to this end was attached. No finalised responses have been received, and CIO needs to revisit this table ([NAMMCO/CIO-2018-02/03 Overview of national inspections](#))

- *The Committee also agreed to supply information on what represents the peak time of the hunting seasons for the use of the Secretariat for planning purposes. **Input from some members have been received.***
- *The CIO agreed to recommend to Council to continue the review of the Observation Scheme with the aim of providing recommendations regarding the Observation Scheme at the next Council meeting (April 2019) . To this end committee members agreed to initiate an internal process as an input to the Committees deliberations of the Observation Scheme. It was noted that such a review need to both look at the text of the Provisions and the implementation of the Observation Scheme. **This process is entirely in the hands of the member countries and the present email is merely a reminder from the Sec that steps should be taken soon to secure the best possible process.***

The review document includes several recommendations and it is important that the Parties have a qualified opinion on these and also on how to proceed.

ⁱⁱ Member countries are asked to give an annual update with respect to the national control effort and monitoring type.

ⁱⁱⁱ At the last Council meeting it was decided to postpone observation activities in 2018 due to the ongoing review process of the Scheme, and to resume them in 2019 or 2020 depending on the outcome of the review. In September 2018 it was decided to await the recommendations from the CIO to Council in April 2019 before making any proposal for the 2019 observation season.

^{iv} In 2017 Ulla S. Wang (FO) was re-elected as Chair and Hild Ynnesdal (NO) as ViceChair. for the periode 2017-2019. According to RoP the same chair can only sit for 4 years at a time. By an incurie made by the Secretariat and contrary to the working rotation plan for chairs of committees in NAMMCO, FO stepped down at the 2018 Council meeting and NO took over the chairmanship. FAC will discuss the overall rotation plan for chairs in their meeting on 26 November and this will serve as input to this agenda item.