

COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS

3 October 2019, Greenland Representation, Copenhagen: 09:00 hrs – 17:00 hrs

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Chair Kathrine A. Ryeng will open the meeting for comments to the agenda, (NAMMCO/CHM-2019-02/01) and review the meeting documents, (NAMMCO/CHM-2019-02/02).

2. COMMITTEE ANNUAL ACTIVITY-MEETING SCHEDULE

NAMMCO/CHM/CIO/BYCELS-2019/01 is prepared by the Secretariat and proposes an annual meeting schedule.

Elements for consideration: annual reporting of requested data for CHM/CIO/ BYCELS, dates of Council, CIO, BYCELS meetings, observation scheme

3. EXPERT GROUP MEETINGS

Two events were proposed and endorsed by Council 27:

- EGM on hunting efficiency of small cetaceans

Draft (ToR):

- ✓ Review and assess current hunting and killing methods for small cetaceans,
- ✓ Review and assess information on recent and ongoing research on improvements and technical innovations in hunting methods and gear used for hunting of small cetaceans,
- ✓ Review and assess TTD data on the killing of small cetaceans,
- ✓ Provide recommendations on possible improvements.

Invitations should be extended to relevant Canadian territories, Canada and Japan. The EGM would focus on hunting methods where death was not immediate, e.g. types of hunts requiring harpooning before killing in order not to lose the animal, or netting. A focus would also be on the hunts where SC considered that knowledge of S&L data would benefit the assessment of the stocks (relevant species are narwhal and beluga).

- WS/EGM on methods where the combined use of harpoon and rifle is not one weapon.

The events were planned back to back as it is anticipated an overlap in participation and content.

Preliminary budget allocation 2020 for both events is NOK 100 000.

Points for discussion and consideration at the meeting:

- Define ToRs: 1 or 2 events?
- Draft agendas – programme
- Venue and dates
- Participants and invitations
- Chair(s)

For inspiration look at previous WS/EGM at <https://nammco.no/topics/expert-group-meetings/>

4. PANEL REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

The Working Group (PRWG) reviewing and following up the recommendations from the Performance Review Panel is seeking the views of the NAMMCO Committees and BYCELS on the recommendations specific to their areas of work.

NAMMCO/CHM-2019-02/03 (circulated to all members 23 August) defines the task assigned to the CHM and provides the list of recommendations related to the committee. Other documents for consideration under this agenda item are:

NAMMCO/PRWG19-01/Final Report
NAMMCO27-2019/Report of the Performance Review Panel

CHM is requested to address the recommendations and issues forwarded to them, considering:

- a) the relevance of the recommendations,
- b) inform of further issues they have identified specifically related to specific recommendations but also in general within the work of their committee,
- c) propose ways for implementing the recommendations and improving processes if relevant.

The Committees' views will represent an important input to the PRWG formulation of follow up actions to be forwarded to Council.

5. DATABASE, DATA REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

COUNCIL 27 endorsed the recommendation of extending the current NPR to include the annual data reporting from CHM/CIO/BYCELS.

NAMMCO/CHM/CIO/BYCELS-2019/02 represents the excel files describing the committees data needs. The current document is based on what has been agreed by the committee up to Council 27.

Current deadline for submission of NPR is 1 March. To accommodate CHM/CIO/BYCELS it is suggested to change this to 1 February. This would then place the annual meeting of CHM somewhere in February.

On the issue of developing a proper database with the Secretariat as depository, Council did not discuss it and no decision was taken.

CHM is expected to finalise the description and categories of data that member countries will be requested to submit and agree on deadline for annual submission of the data.

6. UPDATE OF REGULATIONS AND REFERENCES

NAMMCO/CHM-2019-02/04 List of laws and regulations marine mammals

NAMMCO/CHM-2019-02/05 List of references on hunting methods

CHM has previously agreed that the list of references should have links to the various papers/articles. Many of the references are IWC meeting documents that are not easily available. CHM is asked to clarify how they want to proceed with this.

7. INFORMATION FROM MEMBER COUNTRIES

7.1. Video on handling of Whale grenade 99

Update on progress

8. NEXT MEETING

9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS