



NAMMCO Committee on Hunting Methods

November 29, 2018 at 09:00 hrs, the Greenlandic Representation

Annotated agenda

1. Opening procedure
 - Adoption of agenda and review of documents
2. Update from members on hunting methods and regulationsⁱ
3. Struck and Lostⁱⁱ
4. Collection of TTD dataⁱⁱⁱ
5. Other issues deriving from the Council^{iv}
6. Strategy for CHM work 2019 – 2022^v
7. Election of officers^{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 references on Hunting methods

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

NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/04: Information from members on quota, catch etc

NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/05: Struck and lost – working document

NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/06: Overview of recommendations and responses CHM and Council

Annotations

ⁱ Documents NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/02 and NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/03 represents the last updated lists of references on hunting methods and of laws and regulations in member countries respectively. New is document NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/04 prepared by the Secretariat for the purpose of which presenting information on quota, catch etc in table format.

Members are asked to update these lists as appropriate.

ⁱⁱ NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/05 contains the working document on S&L. Each member has reviewed and updated the document by correspondence since the last meeting. CHM is asked to review the overall document and its status as a working document.

Members are asked to give updates on the recommendations endorsed by Council at NAMMCO 26:

- Greenland to collect S&L data on narwhal and beluga
- Iceland to collect S&L data on harbour and grey seals
- Norway to collect S&L data on harp seal

The last meeting discussed methods for collecting S&L data pointing to self-reporting by hunters through filming, and the Greenlandic project *PISUNA* that had used this method with success. The Committee should continue this discussion with reference to the target hunts for S&L.

ⁱⁱⁱ NAMMCO 26 endorsed the CHM recommendations:

- Looking further into the possibility of implementing self-reporting methods to describe the killing efficiency of the hunt
- Convening a workshop on alternative methods to collect data on the efficiency of the hunt

In the discussions at the last meeting CHM had agreed that it would be interesting to compare self-reporting by hunters with the controlled scientific method. As a start this could be done by analysing already collected Norwegian data together with Greenlandic data. Norway furthermore proposed to undertake some preliminary studies on-board a Norwegian whaling vessel in the 2018 season.

The Committee should discuss the probability of making a comparison using Norwegian and Greenlandic data. Norway to inform about the mentioned preliminary studies in 2018.

CHM must discuss scope, content, venue and time for a Workshop on alternative methods of collecting data on efficiency. A budget also needs to be prepared for approval of Council.

^{iv} From the report of the Council meeting:

Finalising the narrative to the video on the handling of the penthrite Whale grenade-99 for the use of all interested NAMMCO countries.

From the report of the last CHM meeting:

Greenland has developed in collaboration with Henriksen Mekaniske Verksted (manufacturers of the grenade) an instruction video on handling of the penthrite grenade-99 on harpoon guns. The video was shown at NAMMCO 25 and Greenland requested CHM to give comments on a text for narration to the video.

The meeting reviewed the video and agreed that due to lack of time at this meeting, the committee would discuss and agree on a text by correspondence. The aim is to make narratives that make the video useful in all NAMMCO member countries. One general remark made was to insert arrows on the drawings for the different elements of the grenade.

CHM agreed to recommend that the video be finalised for use of all NAMMCO countries. New narratives will incur costs and Levermann was asked to look into the price for this.

No progress has been made on this issue since the last meeting.

^v To strengthen the work of the CHM it is suggested that the Committee discuss the merits of developing a plan for work to be undertaken in the coming 4-year period. The idea is that to have a strategy plan or work plan covering several years will provide direction, focus and strengthen the work of the Committee by making more long-term planning. Document NAMMCO/CHM-2018-02/06 – overview of recommendations and responses, can be used to help facilitate the discussion.

^{vi} Guðni Magnús Eiríksson took over the chairmanship in 2017 for a period of 2 years (2017-2019). RoP for CHM states that “Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who shall each serve for two years, after which time they may be re-elected”.