**Joint Working Group Meeting of the**

**NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP ON THE POPULATION STATUS OF NARWHAL AND BELUGA IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC**

and the

**CANADA/GREENLAND JOINT COMMISSION ON CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF NARWHAL AND BELUGA SCIENTIFIC WORKING GROUP**

*26-30 October 2020, Online (MS Teams)*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Monday (3 hours):**

1. **CHAIRS WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**
   1. Welcome & Logistics
   2. Appointment of Rapporteurs
   3. Review of Terms of Reference
   4. Review of Available Documents
   5. Adoption of Agenda
2. **NARWHAL**
   1. Narwhal stock structure
      1. Genetic information – Ferguson, Louis and Skovrind
      2. Satellite tracking –Eclipse Sound telemetry – Marcoux
   2. Narwhal abundance
      1. Recent estimates – Eclipse Sound – Marcoux

–Inglefield Bredning and Melville Bay – Guldborg Hansen

* + 1. Review of corrections for availability and perception biases

**Tuesday (3 hours):**

* 1. Narwhal catch statistics
     1. Update by management units – Canada takes – Watt
* Greenland takes – Garde, Heide-Jørgensen
  + 1. Review of struck-but-lost and under-reporting corrections – Canada takes – Watt
* Greenland takes – Garde, Heide-Jørgensen
  1. Review of management model structure for narwhal
     1. Review of allocation model
        1. new telemetry data
        2. update hunt data (locations and seasons)
     2. Review of population model to generate advice for narwhal removals
     3. Review of preliminary narwhal management advice

**Wednesday (3 hours):**

* 1. Review of final analysis for narwhal management advice
  2. Report preparation for narwhal section

**Thursday (3 hours):**

1. **BELUGA**
   1. Beluga stock structure
      1. Genetic information - Louis and Skovrind
      2. Satellite tracking
   2. Beluga abundance
      1. Recent estimates
   3. Beluga catch statistics
      1. Update by management units Canada takes – Watt

Greenland takes – Garde, Heide-Jørgensen

* 1. Development of model structure for beluga
     1. Review of preliminary beluga analysis

**Friday (3 hours):**

* 1. Review of final analysis for beluga management advice
  2. Report preparation for beluga section – plan follow up virtual meeting if necessary

1. **OTHER BUSINESS**
   1. Baffinland Update (if time) – Marcoux, Watt
2. **ADJOURN**