NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Abundance Estimates Working Group

*8-10 October 2019, NAMMCO Tromsø, Norway*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

1. CHAIRMAN WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS
2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
3. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTEURS
4. REVIEW OF AVAILABLE DOCUMENTS AND REPORTS
5. COMMON MINKE WHALE
   1. Norwegian mosaic survey: 2014-2019 cycle
   2. CIC aerial survey 2016
6. LARGE BALEEN WHALES
   1. Norway – last two survey cycles
   2. Iceland/Faroes 2015: blue and sei whales
   3. Iceland/Faroes 2007: sei whales
   4. CIC Aerial 2009: humpback whales
7. SPERM WHALES
   1. Norway – last two survey cycles
8. DOLPHINS AND PORPOISES
   1. Norway – last two survey cycles
   2. Iceland/Faroes 2007: white-beaked and white-sided dolphins
   3. CIC Aerial survey 2007: white-beaked dolphins
   4. CIC Aerial survey 2009: white-beaked dolphins
   5. CIC aerial survey 2016: white-beaked dolphins and harbour porpoises
9. KILLER WHALES
   1. Norway – last two survey cycles
10. NORTHERN BOTTLENOSE WHALES
    1. Iceland/Faroes 2015
11. DISCUSSION OF NASS FIN WHALE ESTIMATES AT IWC
12. NASS SERIES SPATIAL ANALYSES
13. SCANS III 2016 UPDATE
14. CANADIAN NAISS 2016 UPDATE
15. PUBLICATION OF SURVEY RESULTS
16. PROPOSED WORKSHOP “NOVEL METHODS FOR ABUNDANCE SURVEYS & ESTIMATION”
17. PLANNING THE NEXT NASS
18. OTHER ITEMS
    1. Development of new survey software
    2. Geometer development
    3. Cooperation with IWC
19. NEXT MEETING
20. ADOPTION OF REPORT

##### This AEWG meeting is addressing the following ongoing requests from the NAMMCO Council:

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| **R-1.7.11** | NAMMCO/16 | To develop estimates of abundance and trends as soon as possible once the survey has been completed, with the primary target species (fin, minke and pilot whales) as a first priority, and secondary target species as a second priority. |
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| **R-1.7.12** | NAMMCO/22 | To give information on sustainable yield based on new abundance estimates expected from TNASS2015 for all large baleen whales in West Greenland waters. |
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