NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Coastal Seals Working Group

*12 January 2021, 14:00–18:00 CET, Online Zoom Meeting*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

***The Terms of Reference for the Working Group are:***

*1) Assess the status of harbour and grey seal populations in NAMMCO countries*

*and adjacent waters.*

*2) Assess the status of population modelling for harbour seals.*

*3) Review new research on ecology and telemetry*

*4) Review by-catch issues in NAMMCO countries*

***This online meeting will focus on the first two items***

1. **CHAIRMAN WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS**
   1. Welcome and logistics
   2. Review of terms of reference
   3. Review of available documents and reports
   4. Appointment of rapporteurs
   5. Adoption of agenda
2. **STATUS OF HARBOUR SEAL POPULATIONS in NAMMCO MEMBER COUNTRIES**
   1. Norway
   2. Greenland
3. **STATUS OF GREY SEAL POPULATIONS in NAMMCO MEMBER COUNTRIES**
   1. Norway
   2. Faroe Islands
4. **DATA COLLECTION TO INFORM POPULATION MODELING FOR HARBOUR SEALS**
   1. Review of current assessment methods
   2. Data needed for population modelling
   3. New methods & approaches - field collection & analysis
5. **RECOMMENDATIONS** 
   1. For conservation & management
   2. For research
6. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**