COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS

9 February 2020, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland, 09:00 hrs – 17:00 hrs

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

# ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Chair Kathrine A. Ryeng will open the meeting for comments to the agenda, NAMMCO/CHM-2020-01/01 and review the meeting documents, NAMMCO/CHM-2020-01/02.

# Updates list of laws and regulations and list of references

Members are asked to inform and submit any updates to the documents NAMMCO/CHM-2020-01/03 laws and regulations and NAMMCO/CHM-2020-01/04 list of references. New listings should be given with corresponding links to the various papers/articles or regulations.

Members have also agreed to submit summaries in English of the laws and regulations that only exist in the mother language. Click on <https://nammco.no/topics/laws-and-regulations/> to see what is currently on the NAMMCO website.

# ANNUAL REPORTING FROM MEMBERS

Members will have reported their 2019 data by 1 February. CHM is asked to review these data, if needed make improvements and decide on follow up actions. NAMMCO/CHM-2020-01/05 contains the received data.

# Workshop/EXPERT GROUP MEETING

At its last meeting CHM agreed there was not enough new information to benefit organising an EGM on small cetaceans. At the same time CHM underlined the importance of investigating alternatives to the present method of killing animals with harpoon and rifle. The majority of the small cetaceans’ hunts in NAMMCO are carried out by this method thus CHM concluded:

* to combine the two events and focus on methods to improve animal welfare in hunts for all marine mammals where harpoon and rifle is not one weapon, i.e. all small cetaceans, seals and minke whales.

CHM established a planning group (PG) consisting of Nette Leverman, Signar Petersen, Kathrine Ryeng and Charlotte Winsnes to facilitate the planning of this event. The PG has not met and Ryeng and Winsnes are presenting document NAMMCO/CHM-2020-01/06 as an input to the discussion under this agenda item.

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

Members are encouraged to use confer with their network and come with suggestions for participation and experts and content of the WS.

# Website – quality check

CHM agreed on a 3-step process for its work to ensure the quality of the content on the website:

1. to review all current text and information related to CHM on the website.
2. make reviewing new information on the website a standard agenda item for the annual meeting of the committee. If needed this may also be done by correspondence intersessional
3. consider how to make the work of CHM more visible

CHM agreed to finalise step 1 by 31 December 2019. Members were tasked with reviewing all text on the website with the understanding that they would have the overall responsibility for the information pertaining to the species and hunts taking place in their respective countries. The Secretariat had compiled and circulated all exiting information into a word file to aid the editing process. Currently only FO and NO have submitted their input.

# Workplan 2020-2021

CHM has agreed that the main criteria for future work should be*: To focus on hunts where animal welfare aspects are highlighted in recommendations and where improvements are important and possible.*

**From CHM meeting 7 February 2019 (presented to and approved by Council 27)**

* Finalising the video on handling Whale grenade 99 together with Henriksen Verksted.

Time: February – June 2019, Responsible: Nette Levermann

* EGM on hunting efficiency of small cetaceans

Time: during 2020 depending on status of new lance and availability of Greenlandic data.

The overall aim of the EGM would be to look at efficiency of killing method in regard to animal welfare and safety of the hunter. CHM agreed that the EGM should give focus to hunting methods where death was not immediately, e.g. types of hunts requiring harpooning before killing in order not to lose the animal, or netting. CHM agreed to focus on the hunts where SC has said that S/L represents an assessment problem (presently relevant species are narwhal and beluga).

* Workshop/EGM on hunting methods where the combined use of harpoon and rifle is not one weapon

Time: to be placed together with or back to back with the EGM on hunting efficiency of small cetaceans, because of the overlap in participants and to reduce expenses.

CHM agreed that the EGM focus should on the hunting method where death was not immediately, e.g. types of hunts requiring harpooning before killing in order not to lose the animal.

**Not discussed in Council:**

* 3rd EGM TTD large cetaceans

Time: earliest in 2025, following recommend schedule Norway should collect TTD in 2022 and Iceland in 2024.

The WS under agenda item 4. is the main activity for 2020/21 that has been approved by the Council.

# active RECOMMENDATIONS and FOLLOW up

Document NAMMCO/CHM-2020-01/07 gives an overview of all recommendations from EGM/WS to member countries and responses.

CHM is asked to give updates and generally discuss how to use the list and possibly how to decide when a recommendation is no longer “active”.

# NEXT MEETING

# ANY OTHER BUSINESS