



NAMMCO Committee on Hunting Methods

6 February 2015, Reykjavik

Annotated agenda and list of documents

1. Opening procedure
 - 1.1 Introductory remarks
 - 1.2 Adoption of agenda and review of documents
2. Expert group meeting for presentation of TTD data¹
3. Practical internal seminar on data collection, processing, analysing and presentation of TTD data²

¹ Norway and Iceland have collected TTD data and these will be ready for evaluation in 2015. Norway collected data from the minke whale hunt in the seasons 2011 and 2012. Iceland intended to collect data from both the minke and fin whale hunts. Due to weather conditions and technical problems with the hunting vessels, collection of TTD from the minke whale hunt was not possible. TTD from the fin whale hunt was collected and are being processed and analysed in 2014 and can be presented to NAMMCO in 2015.

The Committee discussed various frameworks for a possible evaluation of the TTD data. It was agreed to recommend to Council that NAMMCO organise an expert group meeting in line with the one held in 2010 to review and assess large whale killing methods. Also hunting nations like USA, Canada, Japan and Russia will be invited to inform about their hunting practises and present data from their large whale's hunt. The following terms of reference was agreed upon:

The expert group meeting shall undertake a review and evaluate the whale killing data submitted to NAMMCO by member countries and associated hunting nations, as well as data and information on recent and ongoing research on improvements and technical innovations in hunting methods and gears used for the hunting of large whales.

Anticipated duration of the meeting is two days and suggested venue is either in Copenhagen or in Reykjavik, in November 2015.

The Committee also identified a preliminary list (not exclusive) of six possible experts from NAMMCO and non-member countries to be invited.

Awaiting the deliberations of Council the Committee closed this agenda item. The report from the last expert group meeting on large whales are presented as background documentation.

The Committee shall agree on agenda and programme + which experts to invite based on the identified persons at the last meeting.

² NAMMCO 22 tasked the Committee to organise a seminar on data collection, processing, analysis and presentation of TTD data. The request forwarded in recognition of recommendations arising from several expert group meetings on killing of large and small cetaceans. The method of collection and reporting of TTD should be similar for all member countries in order to facilitate comparisons between similar hunts

4. Update on Tajii workshop
5. Follow up from NAMMCO 23
6. Follow up from the last Committee meeting³
7. Next meeting
8. Any other business

LIST OF DOCUMENTS

NAMMCO/HM-February/2015-1 Draft agenda and list of documents

NAMMCO/HM-February/2015-2 Report from expert group on large whale TTD

NAMMCO/HM-February/2015-3 Draft programme Tajii workshop

and also between years to detect possible improvements in TTD. The method used for sampling, processing and analysis of TTD data from the minke whale hunt in Norway the last 30 years was recommended as the standard where possible.

The Committee agreed to organise a very practical, hands on seminar where the participants would be able to process actual data as an exercise. Some introductory lectures like how and what data to collect, how the collected data is processed/qualified so that it can be fed into statistical programs, description of the statistical methods etc. will be proceeded by a practical session. In the practical session participants are expected to work with particular data sets and to analyse and present the results in a standardised manner. Output could be a 1-2 page technical description on how to analyze the raw data.

Tentatively a two-day educational seminar is planned with participation from member countries but with the possibility for associated countries to take part if desirable. The idea is to hold this back to back with the expert group meeting described in agenda item 4 above.

The Secretariat was asked to seek the advice of Lars Walløe with respect to how the transfer of knowledge regarding statistical methods and presentation could best be done in such a seminar.

The Committee shall agree on terms of reference, agenda and programme + which experts to invite based on the identified persons at the last meeting.

3. Greenland raised the issue of reviving the workshop on handling, processing and utilisation of hunted marine mammals that had been on the agenda in 2009. It was suggested that a new angle could be to look at the issue in the frame of the ongoing initiative marine mammals and food security.

The Committee agreed to revisit the issue at the next meeting, after having conferred with their homeland. The Committee asked the Chair and Secretariat to come up with a proposal for a program.