



NAMMCO Committee on Hunting Methods
Telephone meeting 14:00 hrs Norwegian time 2 June 2016

Annotated agenda and list of documents

1. Opening procedure
 - 1.1 Introductory remarks
 - 1.2 Adoption of agenda and review of documents
2. Report from the 3 May meetingⁱ
3. How to best address issues of animal welfare concerns related to by-catch, entanglements and strandingsⁱⁱ
 - 3.1 Committee or Working Group
 - 3.2 Terms of Reference
4. Organise a workshop on alternative methods for collecting TTDⁱⁱⁱ
5. Review Struck and lost^{iv}
6. Date for a face to face meeting.
- 7.
8. Any other business

List of Documents:

NAMMCO/HM-June/2016-1 Annotated agenda and list of documents

NAMMCO/HM-June/2016-2 Report from 3 May telephone meeting in Committee on Hunting methods

NAMMCO/HM-June/2016-3 RoP Committee on Hunting Methods

Annotations:

i At NAMMCO 24, Council tasked the Committee to address the following issues:

- 1) to review its Terms of Reference and give suggestions on how best to deal with the animal welfare concerns related to by-catch, entanglements and strandings in the NAMMCO framework.
- 2) to organise a workshop on alternative methods for collecting standardised TTD data that are less expensive, thus making it easier to compare TTD between countries.
- 3) to review underlying reasons for struck and lost with the aim of decreasing the S&L rates.

The Committee should give suggestions as to how these issues could best be dealt with in NAMMCO and where applicable the proposed activities should include a budget.

Documents [NAMMCO/HM-June/2016-2](#) gives the report from the last telephone meeting where the Committee dealt with point 1) above and agreed on three recommendations to Council:

- to revise the RoP with reference to paragraph II Membership, article I, with the following text:
Each NAMMCO member country shall be represented in the Committee and have one vote regardless of number of national representatives.
- to revise the ToR of the RoP to include the words animal welfare and efficiency in hunting gears, now reading:
The Committee shall, upon request from the Council or individual member countries, provide advice on hunting methods for those species of marine mammals relevant to NAMMCO member countries. The Committee shall ensure that such advice is based on the best available scientific findings, technological developments and traditional knowledge, with due consideration given to safety requirements, *animal welfare, efficiency in hunting gears* and efficiency of utilization.
- to establish a new Committee or Working Group to address all non-hunting animal welfare concerns.

ii The Committee should decide on whether this new unit should be a Committee or a Working Group. A Committee can be seen as more permanent than a Working Group, and a Committee can initiate Working Groups to deal with specific issues.

The Secretariat recommends the setting up of a Committee to reflect the sentiment of the discussion at the last meeting, and put forward the following proposal for ToR for a new Committee (this is built on the ToR for the Hunting Committee with wordings in cursive replacing “hunting methods for those species of marine mammals relevant to NAMMOC member countries”.):

Terms of Reference

1. The Committee shall upon request from the Council or individual member countries, provide advice on *animal welfare issues related to non-hunting human induced activities, and live strandings, affecting marine mammals*. The Committee shall ensure that such advice is based on the best available scientific findings, technological developments and traditional knowledge, with due consideration given to safety requirements for humans.
2. Members of the Committee may raise specific questions for discussion during meetings of the Committee. The Committee may make proposals to the Council for specific tasks to undertake within its terms of reference.
3. Non-member governments with observer status in NAMMCO may request advice from the Committee through the Council.

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