

**Report from telephone meeting in the NAMMCO Committee on Hunting Methods 28
May 2015 from 14:00 to 14:30 hrs.**

Online were: Netter Levermann, chair (G), Guðni Magnús Eiríksson, Egil Ole Øen (N), Hild Ynnesdal (N), Christina Lockyer, and Charlotte Winsnes from the Secretariat.

Item 1. Agenda and review of documents

The meeting was only discussing the Expert group meeting on TTD on large whales. The agenda was adopted without changes.

Item 2. Update from Secretariat

Alaska Whaling Commission and the Makah have signalled that they are interested in participating. Further will participate

The Committee was informed that:

regions. So far, the only confirmed invited expert is Lars Walløe. Japan has accepted the invitation and will supply the name of the participants when the decision has been made. Canada and Nunavut has confirmed informally that they will present data. Russia has responded positive but are dependent on NAMMCO covering the costs.

Several suggestions for alternative experts were presented in the meeting. It was also discussed whether Reykjavik might be a more suitable place than Copenhagen, due to availability of weapons and hunting equipment.

The Committee agreed

- To follow up on unanswered invitations by phone (the Secretariat)
- To contact NTI to get a status regarding who they will send (the Secretariat)
- To send invitation to the Makah (the Sec)
- To ask Christina Lockyer to chair the meeting
- To review the situation with respect to issuing new invitations to experts til after the IWC meeting next week in the anticipation that Egil Ole Øen will get the opportunity to talk to those experts who have not yet responded.
- To revisit the question of place of venue at a later stage when we know more who will be participating

Item 3. Seminar on analysing and presentation of TTD data.

Lars Walløe has confirmed his participation in the seminar and also that he will produce 2 protocols – one for the Greenlandic hunt and one for minke and fin whale hunt.

The aim of the seminar is to securing transfer of knowledge between generations and also improve the methods of presentation of TTD data for member countries. Member countries are responsible for identifying participants that are qualified to undertake these kind of analyses in the future.

The Committee agreed

- The secretariat will coordinate with Lars Walløe and draft an agenda
- The Secretariat will issue invitations to member countries to participate in the seminar

- The sec will discuss the issue of data submission with Lars Walløe

Item 4. Next meeting

The Committee will hold a telephone meeting on Thursday 30 April at 14:00 hrs Norwegian time.

Item 5. Adoption of report

The report was adopted by correspondence on 24 April 2015.