



TWENTY SEVENTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

3-4 April 2019, Hotel Hafnia, Tórshavn, Faroe Islands

Starting at 8:30 on Wednesday 3 April

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA [22/03/2019]

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| <p>1. OPENING PROCEDURES</p> <p>1.1 Welcome address 1.2 Admission of observers 1.3 Opening statements 1.4 Adoption of agenda 1.5 Meeting arrangements</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/01</p> <p>NAMMCO/27/02 & 03</p> |
| <p>2. PERFORMANCE REVIEW</p> <p>2.1 Presentation of the Report by the Chair of the Panel 2.2 Discussion and actions arising</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/04</p> |
| <p>3. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</p> <p>3.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) 3.2 Audited accounts 2018 3.3 Budget 2019 and forecast budget 2020 3.4 Other business</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/05 NAMMCO/27/06 NAMMCO/27/07</p> |
| <p>4. NATIONAL & ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS</p> <p>4.1 Proposed revision to NPR reporting from CHM, CIO & BYCELS</p> | <p>NPR-FO/GL/IS/NO 2018 NPR-CA 2017 NPR-JP 2016-17 Small NPR-JP 2017-18 Large NPR-RU 2017-18 APR-NTI 2018 APR-MA 2018 NPR catch database 2018</p> |

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| <p>5. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC)</p> <p>5.1 Report of the Scientific Committee</p> <p>5.1.1 Overall work in 2018</p> <p>5.1.2 Cooperation with other organisations</p> <p>5.1.3 Proposed workplan for 2019-2020</p> <p>5.1.4 Other business</p> <p>5.2 Adoption of priorities and workplan for the SC in 2019-2020</p> <p>5.3 Other business</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/08</p> |
| <p>6. COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS (CHM)</p> <p>6.1 Report of the Committee on Hunting Methods</p> <p>6.2 Adoption of workplan</p> <p>6.3 Other business</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/09</p> |
| <p>7. COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION (CIO)</p> <p>7.1 Report of the Committee on Inspection and Observation</p> <p>7.2 The joint NAMMCO Control Scheme</p> <p>7.2.1 Review of the Implementation</p> <p>7.2.2 Observation activities in 2019</p> <p>7.3 Adoption of workplan</p> <p>7.4 Other business</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/10 & 11</p> |
| <p>8. WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH, ENTANGLEMENTS AND LIVE STRANDINGS (BYCELS)</p> <p>8.1 Report of the Working Group on By-Catch, Entanglements and Live Strandings</p> <p>8.2 Adoption of workplan</p> <p>8.3 Other business</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/12</p> |
| <p>9. JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (JMC)</p> <p>9.1 Report of the Joint meeting of the Management Committees</p> <p>9.2 Other business</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/13</p> |
| <p>10. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR CETACEANS (MCC)</p> <p>10.1 Report of the Management Committee for Cetaceans</p> <p>10.2 Other business</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/14</p> |
| <p>11. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEALS AND WALRUSES (MCSW)</p> <p>11.1 Report of the Management Committee for Seals and Walrus</p> <p>11.2 Update on EU seal ban and Inuit exemption</p> <p>11.2.1 Greenland</p> <p>11.2.2 Canada/Nunavut</p> <p>11.3 Other business</p> | <p>NAMMCO/27/15</p> |
| <p>12. ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS & ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT</p> | |

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| 13. NEW REQUESTS FOR ADVICE FROM THE COUNCIL | NAMMCO/27/18 |
| 14. NEW PROPOSALS FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT | NAMMCO/27/19 |
| 15. MARINE MAMMALS AS FOOD RESOURCES (MMFR) 15.1 Life cycle assessment – utilisation of seals in Greenland 15.2 Other business | NAMMCO/27/16 |
| 16. EXTERNAL RELATIONS 16.1 Cooperation with non-member countries 16.2 Cooperation with international organisations 16.3 Other business | NAMMCO/27/17 & 23 |
| 17. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH 17.1 Website 17.2 Social media 17.3 Outreach activities 17.4 Scientific publications 17.5 Communication Plans 17.6 Other business | NAMMCO/27/17, 20 & 21 |
| 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS | |
| 19. CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS 19.1 Election of Officers 19.2 Press release 19.3 Next meeting | NAMMCO/27/22 |

ANNOTATIONS

Agenda 1. OPENING PROCEDURE

Parties, Observer Government, Aboriginal Organisations and, time permitting, IGOs will be invited to deliver opening statements.

Agenda 2. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

The Chair of the Performance Review Panel, Caterina Fortuna, will present the work, conclusions and recommendations of the Performance Review Panel. Its report is available as NAMMCO/27/04.

Council should decide on a way forward and a follow up process.

Agenda 3. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

Item 3.1 concerns all items under the report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC), circulated as NAMMCO/27/05. NAMMCO/27/06 comprises the audited accounts for 2017, incl. result and balance sheet and auditor's report. NAMMCO/27/07 presents the draft budget for 2019 and forecast budget for 2020

Agenda 4. NATIONAL & ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS (NPR & APR)

In agreement with the decision of NAMMCO 25, of advancing the delivery deadline of the annual National Progress Reports to March 1 of the following year, NPR and removal data were received from all the Parties by the Secretariat.

Under this item, Parties will have the opportunity to inform on national matters relevant to Council. Time permitting, enlightening points from other submitted reports will be welcomed.

AGENDA 5. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC)

The Report of the SC is circulated as NAMMCO/27/08. It includes the Executive Summary and the main report. It does not contain the reports from NAMMCO Scientific Committee Working Groups (WG) as those have become available on [nammco.no \[https://nammco.no/topics/sc-working-group-reports/\]](https://nammco.no/topics/sc-working-group-reports/) a month after the distribution of the WG reports to the SC and the Council.

The SC has convened 4 scientific WG in 2018 and their reports are directly accessible below:

[By-catch Working Group, October 2018, teleconference](#)

[Walrus Working Group, October 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)

[Abundance Estimates Working Group, May 2018, Copenhagen, Denmark](#)

[By-catch Working Group, April 2018, teleconference](#)

The Chair of the SC will give a summary presentation of the SC report related to the overall work of the SC. Details and recommendations pertaining to species are dealt with in the relevant Management Committees and will be presented under agenda items 9 to 11 and 13-14.

Agenda 6. COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS (CHM)

The Report of the CHM under 6.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/27/09. The Committee's advice to Council will be presented under this item.

Agenda 7. COMMITTEE on INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION (CIO)

The Report of the CIO under 7.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/27/10. The Committee's advice to Council will be presented under this item.

Agenda 8. WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH, ENTANGLEMENT AND LIVE STRANDINGS (BYCELS)

The Report of the BYCELS Working Group under 7.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/27/12. The Working Group's advice to Council will be presented under this item.

Agenda 9. JOINT MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES (JMC)

The Report of the JMC, which will meet on Tuesday 6 March, will become available during the meeting as NAMMCO/27/13 on Thursday 8 March.

Agenda 10. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR CETACEANS (MCC)

The Report of the MCC which will meet on Tuesday 6 March, will become available during the meeting as NAMMCO/27/14 on Thursday 8 March.

Agenda 11. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEALS AND WALRUSES (MCSW)

The Report of the MCSW, which will meet on Tuesday 6 March, will become available during the meeting as NAMMCO/27/15 on Thursday 8 March.

Agenda 12. ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS & ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT

Presently there is no document to consider under this agenda item. However, it is anticipated that the report from the JMC (NAMMCO/27/13) will have relevant elements.

The **NUUK Declaration** states (2017) stated.

... Recognising the range of anthropogenic pressures facing North Atlantic marine mammals associated with the climate and environmental changes taking place, the Parties further commit to increasing their efforts and cooperation in assessing the cumulative impact of non-hunting related anthropogenic stressors, particularly global warming, by-catch, pollution and disturbance, and to furthering the ecosystem approach to the management of marine mammals.

In this perspective, the Scientific Committee has reiterated the necessity of multilateral cooperation to assess environmental impacts as marine ecosystems and marine environmental issues, especially in relation to marine mammals, are transboundary in nature.

Updates from Greenland and Canada on relevant mining or other exploitation projects, including the *Mary River Project* and the *Bluejay mining project*, as well as cooperation on assessing environmental impacts of such projects are expected.

Update from Parties on the development of whale and seal watching activities are expected.

Agenda 13. Adoption of new requests for advice

Under this item, following the reporting by the Management Committees, the Committee on Hunting Methods and the Committee on Inspection and Observation and subsequent discussions, the list of new requests and/or modifications to existing requests for advice by the Committees will be presented for adoption by Council. This document will become available to the meeting as NAMMCO/27/18 on Thursday 8 March.

Agenda 14. NEW PROPOSALS FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT

Under this item, following the reporting by the Management Committees, the Committee on Hunting Methods and the Committee on Inspection and Observation and subsequent discussions, the list of all the new proposals for conservation and management will be presented to Council for information. This document will become available to the meeting as NAMMCO/27/19 on Thursday 8 March.

Agenda 15. MARINE MAMMALS AS FOOD RESOURCES

The project was completed in late 2017, but the results of a subsidiary project, a Life Cycle Assessment (LCA) pilot study investigating the environmental impacts of food choice in Greenland – locally caught seal versus imported pork meat – will be reported under this item (NAMMCO/27/16).

Agenda 16. EXTERNAL RELATIONS

Document NAMMCO/27/17 presents an overview of governmental or IGOS meetings and events where NAMMCO was represented.

Agenda 17. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH

An update on outreach activities, incl. a status of the NAMMCO website, activities on the website and social media (NAMMCO/27/20) and status of NAMMCO Scientific Publications will be given under this agenda item.

A status over the implementation of the Communication Plan 2017-2018 and the Communication Plan 2019-2020 will be presented (NAMMCO/27/21).

Agenda 18. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There is at present no specific point under this item.

Agenda 19. CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS

A new Chair and new Vice-Chair should be elected.

The press release which will become available on Thursday 8 March as NAMMCO/27/22 should be approved.

The next Council meeting, NAMMCO 28, will be hosted in Norway by the NAMMCO Secretariat, tentative venue and dates should be agreed upon.