

## COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION

Skype meeting 21 May starting 14:00 Norwegian time

### Draft annotated agenda

#### 1. Adoption of agenda and review of documents

#### 2. NAMMCO Observation Scheme

*The purpose of this item is to pinpoint remaining issues that needs to be considered as a result of the new Section B including guidelines of the NAMMCO Inspection and Observation Scheme – document NAMMCO/CIO-2019-02-02. As a minimum the meeting should agree on a way forward so that the issues can be resolved at the meeting in October 2019.*

*CIO has previously agreed to clarify national regulations regarding safety issues at sea i.e. find out what kind of requirements exists regarding having people on board vessels. Also at the short meeting held on 4 April following Council 27 members agreed to find out what kind of insurance might apply to their observers.*

##### a) Qualification requirements for observer candidates

*The existing template for observer candidate's CV should be reviewed to see if it needs adjustments – document NAMMCO/CIO-2019-02-03.*

##### b) Safety issues; equipment, training, insurances

*The question is two-folded:*

- *Defining what kind/type/level of equipment/training/insurance?*
- *Identify which body is responsible for securing that the candidates have the required levels as defined above: is it the Party nominating the observer, do hunters have any responsibilities or is it NAMMCO?*

*Section B- article 9 states: Member countries together with NAMMCO concur to take appropriate action to ensure safe working conditions,..... consistent with international standards and guidelines.*

*Upon request IMO responded (see CIO report February 2019, item 2, p 5):*

*Hunting vessels are responsible for having the required equipment like life suits for observers.*

*Q: applies to NO and IS whaling and NO sealing vessels, how do we deal with GL and FO situation? What about other kind of equipment like gloves, footwear +++ defined as essential for safety and safe working conditions?*

*The following is a compilation of the replies we have received from some of the Parties to the email sent 12 March 2019 requesting information on what kind of insurance requirements the national fisheries observers or inspectors have?*

##### **Safety at sea:**

*IS: national fisheries inspectors have to undergo a basic specialist training course on safety and rescue at sea at Icelandic Association for Search and Rescue (ICE-SAR). During their work they are equipped with life suit and knowledge on how to use safety equipment on board.*

*Q: do they get to keep the life suit?*

*GL (email 5 Februar 2019 on international standards and guidelines)*

*Ja, der er standarder. FN/FAO har udarbejdet vedlagte guidelines som delvist har dannet baggrund for vores egen bekg. om fiskeriobservatører, men også for NAFO som i øvrigt netop har gennemgået en grundig overhaling.*

*Netop observatørernes sikkerhed er der meget fokus på. De skal bl.a. have gennemgået et godkendt søfartssikkerhedskursus mm.de skal div. personlige sikkerheds udstyr med og ikke forlade sig på at skibet har udstyret.*

*Ligeledes er der helt konkrete regler for hvordan fører og besætning skal opføre sig og hjælpe mm.*

**Insurance issue:**

**NO:** *Staten er selvassurandør, og er forpliktet til å tegne gruppelivs forsikring for sine ansatte (død/invaliditet) ( <https://www.spk.no/forsikring/>)*

*Våre selfangstinspektører er ikke ansatt i Fdir, har bare engasjement og det må tegnes tilsvarende forsikring for disse i et ordinært forsikringselskap.*

**IS:** *Complicated and we are working changing the insurance scheme for our inspectors. But they are incurred like all government workers as of now. I will try to get a better explanation on this tomorrow.*

**GL:** *"All Self-Government employees are by default subject to the same insurance conditions regardless of whether they are employed on land working in an office or out at sea for inspection/observation purposes. GFLK's experienced personnel do not have a special insurance covering the work at sea or land.*

*At administrative level, we have not yet had any injuries, but for our "at sea" personnel who more often experience injuries, the occupational health and safety board covers with lost earnings and possibly. damages if the illness / injury period goes beyond 3 months*

*Should the fatal accident occur, 3- or 4-months' salary has been incorporated into the surviving wife's / cohabitant's collective agreement in our collective agreement.*

**Training**

*If courses are required i.e. safety courses, should NAMMCO arrange this or should the member country be responsible for ensuring that the candidates they nominate meet certain safety requirements? It is both a question of who pays and who facilitates these kinds of courses?*

**c) Appointment procedure – guidelines**

*It is proposed to redefine the timeframe related to the appointment procedure in the guidelines. Presently there is an unnecessary long time period between nomination and appointment as seen from the observer's perspective i.e. 5 months from 1 June to 1 November.*

*Likewise, to tighten the approval procedure the deadline of 1 September is suggested deleted and the new appointment by Council will happen 15 August. Red is new text.*

**Appointment of observer**

*The Council appoints observers for one year at a time.*

*Member countries **nominate** ~~develop~~ a list of candidates for the following year and send it to the Secretariat by 1 June. Member countries may nominate non-nationals as observers.*

*The list shall include information on the qualifications of the candidates. The Secretariat circulates a combined list of suggested candidates to member countries for approval by 15 June. In the event that a member country wishes to make a reservation to any candidate, this must be done before*

15 August by informing all member countries and the Secretariat. It is understood that a reservation to the appointment of a particular candidate is a reservation to his/her appointment as a NAMMCO observer in any area of activity. *These candidates will be removed from the final list that represents observers approved by Council.*

~~The Secretariat then circulates the list of candidates approved by all member countries to the Council for appointment by 1 September.~~

**Plans for observation and activities**

By 1 October each year the Secretariat in cooperation with CIO develops a proposal for the Council for the scope and range of observation activities during the following year in accordance with budgeted funds for these activities. The Council shall approve this proposal ~~and appoint the observers~~ by 1 November.

**d) Other points for consideration**

*Should there be some text defining who pays what in the provisions/guidelines?*

**3. Observer training course**

Document NAMMCO/CIO-2019-02/04 is a proposal for a training course. As a minimum date needs to be set so that we can ensure that candidates set the time aside.

**4. Next meeting**

*October 1 in Copenhagen has been decided. CIO should consider whether one day is sufficient taking into account that on the we will need to agree on scope for the observation activities in 2020, finalise the check lists, review the recommendations from Council 27 and develop a procedure for how CIO will take on its new role of assessing how the member countries comply to recommendations given by NAMMCO to mention some issues.*

**5. Any other business**

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**List of Documents**

NAMMCO/CIO-2019-02-01	Annotated agenda
NAMMCO/CIO-2019-02/02	Provisions of the NAMMCO Inspection and Observation Scheme- Section B with guidelines
NAMMCO/CIO-2019-02/03	Observers CV – qualifications and guidelines
NAMMCO/CIO-2019-02/04	Training course for observer candidates