

COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION

1 - 2 October 2019, Greenland Representation, Copenhagen: 09:00 hrs – 17:00 hrs

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Chair Guðni Magnús Eiríksson will open the meeting for comments to the agenda, (NAMMCO/CIO-2019-03/01) and review the meeting documents, (NAMMCO/CIO-2019-03/02).

2. COMMITTEE ANNUAL ACTIVITY-MEETING SCHEDULE

NAMMCO/CHM/CIO/BYCELS-2019-01 is prepared by the Secretariat and proposes an annual meeting schedule.

Elements for consideration, not exhaustive: annual reporting of requested data for CHM/CIO/ BYCELS, dates of Council, CHM, BYCLES meetings, observation scheme.

3. PANEL REVIEW RECOMMENDATIONS

The Working Group (PROW) reviewing and following up the recommendations from the Performance Review Panel is seeking the views of the NAMMCO Committees and BYCELS on the recommendations specific to their areas of work.

NAMMCO/CIO-2019-03/03 (circulated to all members 23 August) defines the task assigned to CIO and provides the list of recommendations related to the committee. Other documents for consideration under this agenda item are:

NAMMCO/PRWG19-01/Final Report
NAMMCO27-2019/Report of the Performance Review Panel

CIO is requested to address the recommendations and issues forwarded to them, considering:

- a) the relevance of the recommendations,
- b) inform of further issues they have identified specifically related to specific recommendations but also in general within the work of their committee,
- c) propose ways for implementing the recommendations and improving processes if relevant.

The Committees' views will represent an important input to the PRWG formulation of follow up actions to be forwarded to Council.

4. DATABASE, DATA REQUIREMENTS AND DEADLINES

COUNCIL 27 endorsed the recommendation of extending the current NPR to include the annual data reporting from CHM/CIO/BYCELS.

NAMMCO/CHM/CIO/BYCELS-2019-02 gives the identified data needs. The current document is based on what has been agreed by the committee up to Council 27.

Current deadline for submission of NPR is 1 March. To accommodate CHM/CIO/BYCELS it is suggested to change this to 1 February. This would then place the annual meeting of CIO later in February.

On the issue of developing a proper database with the Secretariat as depository, Council did not discuss it and no decision was taken.

CIO is expected to finalise the description and categories of data that member countries will be requested to submit and agree on the deadline for annual submission of the data.

5. OBSERVATION SCHEME

5.1 Outstanding questions

Two categories of observer candidates, namely employees in national control agencies (ENCA) and others NOT employed in national control agencies (OTHERS) represent different situations with consequences for the items under consideration under this agenda item.

The last CIO meeting agreed in principal that:

- Parties will be responsible for nominating observer candidates that meet the agreed upon requirements related to safety courses and certificates.
- NAMMCO will finance a minimum storage of required safety suits/vests for observers going to Greenland.

5.1.1 Work insurance

ENCA: does the work insurance cover the candidates while employed as NAMMCO observers? How to sufficiently insure those who are not ENCA. What kind of insurance cover is appropriate?

The chair and the Secretariat were tasked to investigate, and an update will be given to the meeting.

5.1.2 Safety courses

All Parties have mandatory safety and/or rescue courses for their fisheries inspectors/observers with varying content and time duration. To make an informed decision on requirements for this kind of courses Parties had been tasked to find out what the national courses entailed and report back to the Secretariat by 1 June.

FO and NO responded.

5.1.3 Safety equipment

Recapitulating:

Observations in IS and NO do not represent an issue as IS and NO hunting vessels are carrying survival suits for all onboard. In FO the only requirement will be a life vest.

In GL only larger harpoon gun vessels have survival suits. CIO agreed to recommend that NAMMCO finance a minimum storage of safety suits/vests in GL.

Propose that NAMMCO finance or FO makes sure that life vests are ready for observers.

5.1.4 Health certificate

There is a special health certificate for seamen. Both FO and NO has reported that this is a mandatory requirement for fishermen/seamen/inspectors.

Propose to make the health certificate mandatory for NAMMCO observers.

6. GUIDELINES TO OBSERVATION SCHEME

6.1 Appointment procedure

CIO agreed at the last meeting to rethink the entire time schedule of the appointment procedure for observers and look at it in relation to the timing of the CIO annual meetings.

Presently there is a very long time period between nomination and appointment as seen from the observer's perspective i.e. 5 months from 1 June to 1 November. Moreover, if the scope of the observation requires the observer to be ready in January it may be difficult with only 2 months' notice as the wintertime is not within "normal" holiday time.

The following was presented to and discussed by CIO, red is new text, highlighted text unclear:

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.~~

6.2 Deadlines for identification of scope

Current text reads:

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

7. REPORTING

At the last meeting CIO agreed that the new reporting requirements must be defined, and the hunt specific control lists revisited. To facilitate and move forward Eriksson, Levermann and Winsnes had been tasked with identifying which data requirements would form the basis for the reporting forms. A skype meeting was held 17 July.

7.1 National control lists – one per hunt

NAMMCO/CIO-2019-03/04 represents drafts per hunt prepared by the Secretariat.

7.2 NAMMCO reporting forms – one per hunt

NAMMCO/CIO-2019-03/05 represents a draft prepared by the Secretariat.

8. EVALUATION OF THE SCHEME

8.1 Coverage rates

NAMMCO/CIO/2019-03/08 is the review of the Observation Scheme made by the Secretariat and CIO.

CIO is asked to revisit the review of the Observation Scheme for the purpose of looking at the different described coverage rates to identifying which rates to use for the different hunts.

NAMMCO/CIO/2019-03/06 gives an overview of all different hunts in NAMMCO and which have been observed from 1998 – 2017. CIO should consider if there is a need to define priority hunts for observation.

8.2 Evaluation procedure

From the Provisions:

1. The purpose of this Observation Scheme is to collect reliable information on all kinds of hunting activities in the NAMMCO Member Countries. The objectives are to

a) provide a mechanism for NAMMCO to oversee whether recommendations made by NAMMCO are implemented and national regulations are adhered to

b) provide a foundation for the member states to evaluate whether a recommendation is serving its purpose or not

c) contribute to the improvement of the national regulation of hunting activities in the Member Countries

2. These objectives will be reached by NAMMCO appointing observers to observe hunting and inspection activities in NAMMCO member countries and the Committee on Inspection and Observation reviewing the observation activities and the implementation of NAMMCO recommendations in national legislations (see section 1).

CIO should develop a procedure for assessing member countries compliance to NAMMCO recommendations.

9. TRAINING COURSE OBSERVERS

Date is set to 3 – 7 February 2020 in Iceland. NAMMCO/CIO-2019-02/06 is a proposal for programme and also other relevant background information such as the participants evaluation of the last 2013 training course.

All Parties are asked to nominate observer candidates for participation in the course. Maximum 3 per member.

10. IDENTIFYING SCOPE OF OBSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN 2020

NAMMCO/CIO/2019-03/06 gives an overview of all different hunts in NAMMCO and which have been observed from 1998 – 2017.

11. NEXT MEETING

12. ANY OTHER BUSINESS