



Planning Group for the Conference on Marine Mammals and Food Security (CMMFS)

Meeting 28 February 2014 at 9:00 - 14:00 hrs Norwegian time

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening remarks by chair
2. Adoption of the Steering Committee report from January 16, 2014
3. Adoption of the Draft agenda
4. To define the format of the event
5. The target audiences and the expected and desired outcome of the event.
6. To develop a program and identify speakers
7. To discuss the communication of the outcome
8. Set a date and venue for the event.
9. Follow up regarding the Budget, identify external funding possibilities and seek external funding.
10. Next meeting
11. AOB
 - a. Discussion on the “Report on the ethical issues and the public attitude towards the hunting of marine mammals” – proposal to present the report at the conference
 - b. “Global Oceans Action Summit for Food Security and Blue Growth” being held in The Hague, Netherlands, 22 - 25 April 2014

Annotations

Item 2

The Ministerial meeting and subsequent NAMMCO Council meeting in September 2012 concluded that it was important to link the topic of global food security with marine mammals as a source of environmental- friendly protein. Council approved of a Working Group to look at the possibility of convening an international event in 2014 and NOK 100 000 was allocated on the 2014 budget to that end.

Hitherto three FAC meetings have discussed the topic – the first was a teleconference held in FAC on 11 April 2013, the second was back to back with the FAC meeting 18 June and the third was a FAC teleconference 25 October. A collation of excerpts from the three reports dealing with the conference is given in document [NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/2](#).

This meeting should formally establish the group, make a decision on name: Steering Committee or Working Group? and elect a chair.

As of 25 October, one person from each member country had been identified as members of this group. Perhaps the meeting should consider if the group/committee should be expanded with possible experts and resource people.

Item 3

Document [NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/3](#) contains a draft term of reference for the Steering Committee on Marine Mammals and Food Security Conference.

Item 4

The meeting should decide on where and when the conference should take place. Please bring any information you may have on other meetings scheduled for 2015 to the meeting in order to avoid overlap

Item 5

Document [NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/4](#) contains the draft working paper: prospectus and draft programme for an international conference relating to harvesting food from wild animal populations. This is the working document as it was after the meeting 18 June, reflecting the discussion held in Iceland.

The following items (not exclusive) are proposed for discussion under this agenda item:

- The name of the conference
- Conference language English – no interpretation
- The format; number of days
- Open for all or by invitation only – conference fee or not
- Invite participants to present posters
- Moderator/chair for the conference
- Rapporteur
- Conference materials: book of summaries to participants – proceedings – electronic documents vs paper documents
- Outcome – communiqué – press release – language(s)
- Distribution of outcome

Item 6

Document [NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/5](#) contains a draft budget for the conference. Be advised that at this stage the budget figures and items are rough reflecting the preliminary stage of the programme.

List of Documents

- NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/1: Draft annotated agenda and list of documents

- NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/2: A collation of excerpts from three reports dealing with the conference.
- NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/3: Draft Terms of Reference
- NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/4: Draft working paper: prospectus and programme
- NAMMCO/MMFS-January/2014/5: Budget
- **Documents for information:**
- I: Assessment of Ethical aspects related to the utilisation of marine mammals: various documents related to the Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) initiative.
- II: Hunting and Protecting of Marine Mammals – a clash of cultures? report from the Nordic Committee on Bioethics conference in June 2012 on Faroes Islands