

## **Report from the Meeting of the Planning Group (PG) for MMFR**

7 February 2016, Akersgaten 59, Oslo, Norway

Participants: Einarvoldtite (ES), Jessen (GR), Hansen (FR), J. Tøvik Astroza (No), Desportes and Winsnes (Sec). Amalie Jessen chaired the meeting. Meeting facilities was organised by Norway. The only meeting document was the draft background document developed by the Secretariat.

### **Actions arising from the meeting:**

#### *Secretariat*

- Incorporate in the background document the ideas brought up at the meeting and finalise the document by mid-March and circulate to PG.
- Develop a communication strategy, together with a communication expert to be presented at the June meeting.
- Prepare a test Power Point presentation rising the issues of MM as FR and addressing managers in NAMMCO countries to be presented at the June meeting.

#### *PG members*

- Sending relevant references addressing food security issues and the positive health contribution and the pollution aspects to the Secretariat as soon as possible.
- Commenting on the background document and give input at the latest by mid-April.
- Each country will present their outreach material and campaign at the June meeting.

### **1. Chair's opening remarks**

Jessen thanked Norway for organising the meeting and noted that it was already three years ago that the decision of this project had been taken (NAMMCO 21, 2012). She underlined the importance of rising the awareness of marine mammals as food resources and mentioned that Food Security was a growing issue in small communities of Northern and eastern Greenland.

### **2. Adoption of Agenda**

The agenda was adopted, the report of the PG to Council would be dealt with under 7. AOB

### **3. Presentation / Summary on the project**

Jessen summarised the development of the project, at the attention of the two new members of the PG, Hansen and Tøvik Astroza, with *Part I. Background document and Part II. Communication strategy*. The communication strategy should address the communication of the information to different target groups, managers, media and the general public. She noted that the project had been under prioritised and was therefore delayed. Winsnes gave the budget background.