



## REPORT MMFR 11 June 2015

Actions arising from the meeting:

### The Secretariat:

- circulate a revised background document based on the discussions in the meeting for comments by July/August.
- contact whalers/scalers Loftsson, Mykklebust and Karlsen – find out what they have done on health aspects
- contact Lars Walløe with respect to input on comparison between whaling/feeding and agriculture with respect to different kinds of costs (habitat loss, soil erosion, contamination, release of greenhouse gases, release of chemical additives etc), and the relative energetic cost and carbon footprint of locally produced food versus long-travelled food.
- to approach NORA for funding when project part I is finalised

### Amalie, chair of MMFR

- follow up with Geord Mulvad regarding status on research on health aspects

### Ole-David, Norway

- contact NIFES or supply the Secretariat with name of contact person(s) to get an update on health findings since 2004 (Norwegian White paper on marine mammals )

### All members

- Comment on the background document when this is available

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## **Meeting of the Planning Group on Marine Mammals as Food Resource**

11 June 2015, Greenland Representation, Copenhagen

Participants: Amalie Jessen (GBR), chair, Ásta Eivardottir, (I), Ole-David Stenseth (N), Geneviève Desportes and Charlotte Winsnes from the secretariat.

### **1 & 2. Opening remarks for the Chair and adoption of the agenda**

The chair welcomed the participants to the meeting, and the agenda was adopted.

### **3. Follow up from Council and the last MMFRS meeting**

The update information and discussions under this agenda item are reported under the respective agenda items below.

### **4. Project part I: Background document**

The Secretariat presented a very preliminary draft document built around some of the themes identified at the last meeting. The Committee agreed that it was premature to discuss the document in detail at this stage but rather focused its discussion on a more general, overall level. The following points were made: