

NAMMCO ANNUAL MEETING 28

Twenty Eighth Meeting of the Council

17-19 March 2020, Oslo, Norway

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

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 - 1.2. Admission of Observers
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 - 3.1. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee
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- 4. Ad hoc Working Group on Performance Review**
- 5. Scientific Committee**
 - 5.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 5.2. Adoption of priorities and work plan for 2020-2021
 - 5.3. Other business
- 6. Committee on Hunting Methods**
 - 6.1. Report of the Committee on Hunting Methods
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- 7. Committee on Inspection and Observation**
 - 7.1. Report of the Committee on Inspection and Observation
 - 7.2. Inspection and Observation Scheme
 - 7.2.1. Provisions and Guidelines
 - 7.2.2. Observer Corps
 - 7.2.3. Observation activities in 2020 and 2021
 - 7.3. Adoption of work plan
 - 7.4. Other business

- 8. Working Group on By-Catch, Entanglements and Live Strandings**
 - 8.1. Report of the Working Group on By-Catch, Entanglements and Live Strandings
 - 8.2. Adoption of work plan
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- 9. Management Committees**
 - 9.1. Proposals for conservation and management measures
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 - 9.3. Other business
- 10. Environmental Questions & Ecosystem Approach to Management**
- 11. External Relations**
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- 12. Communication and Outreach**
- 13. Any Other Business**
- 14. Closing Procedures**
 - 14.1. Press release
 - 14.2. Next meeting

Annotations

Item 1. Opening Procedures

Members and Observer Governments will have an opportunity to make brief opening statements. At the discretion of the Chair, IGO and NGO representatives may also be invited to make opening remarks.

Item 2. National & Annual Progress Reports

Under this item, Members and observer governments will have the opportunity to inform on national matters relevant to NAMMCO.

Item 3. Financial and Administrative Issues

Item 3.1 concerns all items under the report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC), circulated as NAMMCO/28/04 which will become available late on Monday 16 March.

Item 3.2 addresses the proposed changes to the Rules and Procedures regarding the deadline for the submission of meeting documents, circulated as NAMMCO/28/018.

Item 3.3 refers to the audited accounts for 2019, circulated as NAMMCO/28/05 and including the result and balance sheet and auditor's report.

Item 3.4 deals with the budget for 2020 and draft budget for 2021 which are presented under NAMMCO/28/06.

Item 4. *Ad hoc* Working Group on Performance Review (PRWG)

"Council 27 agreed to establish an *ad hoc* Working Group (WG) led by the Chair of Council to review the recommendations introduced in the Performance Review Report (PRWG). The PRWG would then seek the views of NAMMCO Committees and working groups on the recommendations specific to their areas of work". Under this item, the report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Performance Review (NAMMCO/28/017) will be presented, including the PRWG's recommendations to Council regarding the responses of NAMMCO to the recommendations of the Performance Review Panel.

Item 5. Scientific Committee (SC)

The Report of the SC under 5.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/28/07. It includes the Executive Summary and the main report. It does not contain the reports from the Scientific Committee Working Groups (WG) as those have become available on nammco.no a month after the distribution of the WG reports to the SC and the Council. They can be found at:

[\[https://nammco.no/topics/sc-working-group-reports/\]](https://nammco.no/topics/sc-working-group-reports/)

The SC has convened five WGs and a symposium since December 2018. Their reports are directly accessible on the following links:

- [JOINT IMR/NAMMCO INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP ON THE STATUS OF HARBOUR PORPOISES IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC](#)
- [HARBOUR PORPOISE WORKING GROUP \(HPWG\)](#)
- [JOINT ICES/NAFO/NAMMCO WORKING GROUP ON HARP AND HOODED SEALS](#)
- [AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON NARWHAL IN EAST GREENLAND](#)
- [ABUNDANCE ESTIMATE WORKING GROUP](#)

The Chair of the SC will give a summary presentation of the SC report related to the overall work of the SC. Information and recommendations pertaining to species and eco-system related issues will be presented in the relevant Management Committees.

Item 6. Committee on Hunting Methods (CHM)

The Report of the CHM under 6.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/28/08. The Committee's advice to the Council will be presented under this item.

Item 7. Committee on Inspection and Observation (CIO)

The Report of the CIO under 7.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/28/09. The Committee's advice to the Council will be presented under this item.

Item 7.2.1 Council is asked to approve the recommendations on outstanding issues related to Section B of the NAMMCO Inspection and Observation Scheme including the revised guidelines (NAMMCO/28/16).

Item 7.2.2 Council is asked to approve and appoint the nominated candidates for the observer corps.

Item 7.2.3 Council is asked to approve the scope of observation activities for 2020 and 2021.

Item 8. Working Group on By-Catch, Entanglements and Live Strandings (BYCELS)

The Report of the BYCELS under 8.1 is circulated as NAMMCO/28/10. The Working Group's advice to the Council will be presented under this item.

Item 9. Management Committees (MCs)

The Management Committees will meet on Tuesday 17 and Wednesday 18 March. They will provide a summary for the information of the Council of any proposed management and conservation measures that have been agreed upon (NAMMCO/28/11). They will also present for consideration of the Council any new (or modified) recommendations for scientific research, including requests for advice from the Scientific Committee, (NAMMCO/28/19).

Item 10. Environmental Questions & Ecosystem Approach to Management

The importance of environmental questions to NAMMCO and the commitment to progress towards an ecosystem approach to management was reiterated in the Nuuk Declaration in 2017. Environmental matters directly related to scientific advice on the conservation and management of marine mammals are addressed by the MCJ. Other issues of relevance to NAMMCO may be raised under this item.

Item 11. External Relations

Document NAMMCO/28/12 presents an overview of governmental or IGO meetings and events where NAMMCO was represented in 2019 and provides relevant observer reports.

Document NAMMCO/28/15 provides a detailed observer report from the FAO By-Catch Expert Meeting to Develop Technical Guidelines to Reduce Bycatch of Marine Mammals in Capture Fisheries (Rome, 17-19 September 2019) as well as a link to the FAO report of the meeting and to the draft technical guidelines to reduce bycatch of marine mammals in capture fisheries, which will be presented to COFI 2020.

Item 12. Communication and Outreach

An update on the Secretariat outreach activities in 2019 (NAMMCO/28/13) will be given, with particular emphasis of the outreach conducted in the framework of the Homeward Bound Global Leadership Initiative. The update will also include a status of the NAMMCO website, activities on the website and social media and status of NAMMCO Scientific Publications.

Item 13. Any other Business

Members delegations are asked to inform the Chair as early as possible of any other matters they may wish to raise under this item.

Item 14 Closing Procedures

A draft press release will be available as NAMMCO/28/14 on Thursday 19 March for consideration by delegations.

The next Council meeting, NAMMCO 29, will be hosted by Norway. Tentative dates should be agreed during NAMMCO/28.