COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION

*3 April 2020*

*13:00 – 14:30hrs online meeting*

**DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA**

# ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Chair Guðni Magnús Eiríksson will open the meeting for comments to the agenda, (NAMMCO/CIO-2020-02/01). There are no meeting documents apart from the annotated agenda.

# Information from HoD meeting 26 March 2020

HoD held an online meeting 26 March 2020. Among other issues it was decided to set aside NOK 300 000 as a lump sum for the observation activities in 2021. It was also agreed that the observer corps would be approved by correspondence prior to the next season.

# Retirement age of observers

CIO is asked to address the question of defining a retirement age /or maximum age for observers so that this can be taken into consideration when forwarding the list of observer candidates to Council for approval.

# IDENTIFYING SCOPE OF OBSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN 2021

CIO has identified the following elements for prioritisation of scope of observations:

* Hunting level
* Hunts not covered by national inspectors – monitored by humans
* Implementation and compliance of new recommendations into national regulations
* Hunts where the SC or CHM request data
* Rotation between member countries
* Rotation between hunts (time interval when last observed)
* Maximising the effort to reach the objectives by allocating money from several years into one year.
* Practicality of the respective hunts making the observation assignment not feasible
* Small scale hunts that are happening infrequently and in remote areas

The observation activity for 2020 has been cancelled and CIO is asked to finalise the proposal for the 2021 scope. Previously Greenland: walrus and beluga hunting in March/April in Disko and Sisimiut has been identified as option 2 should the 2020 scope should option 1 Norwegian sealing in the pack ice fail.

# ANY OTHER BUSINESS