

COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION

*6-7-8 October 2020 – Teams meeting
13:00 hrs – 16:00 hrs NO time*

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

Chair Guðni Magnús Eiríksson will open the meeting for comments to the agenda, (NAMMCO/CIO-2020-03/01) and review the meeting documents, (NAMMCO/CIO-2020-03/02).

2. ANNUAL REPORTING FROM MEMBERS FOR 2019

2019 was the first year of the extended data reporting from member countries and is as such seen as a trail year. The CIO should review the data and discuss the usability of these and if needed, make improvements and identify follow up actions.

NAMMCO/CIO-2020-03/03 contains the NAMMCO database. The CIO related data are found under the cetaceans and pinnipeds sections- towards the right of the sheet.

3. OBSERVATION ACTIVITY

3.1 PROPOSAL FOR OBSERVATION ACTIVITIES IN 2021

The CIO meeting 3 April agreed to propose observation of walrus, narwhal and beluga hunts in Greenland as the scope for 2021. Greenland and the Secretariat was tasked to draft the proposal identifying time and hunting locations based on catch statistics and to develop the budget taking into account that FAC has tentatively allocated NOK 300 000 for 2021. It was initially scheduled to be forwarded to Council 1 May, but this was later postponed.

NAMMCO/CIO-2020-03/04 gives the draft proposal. CIO should finalise the proposal so that it can be forwarded to Council after this meeting.

3.2 SCOPE AND RANGE OF OBSERVATIONS 2022-2023-2024

The CIO meeting 8/18 February discussed and agreed that a longer time perspective would benefit the implementation of the observation scheme. CIO is thus asked to look at the next three-year period 2022-2024, taking into consideration elements described below in addition to coverage rates, development of check lists, information on which hunts would be of interest to SC and the possibility of realising identified goals.

The following already identified elements should be considered when setting scope:

- 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

NAMMCO/CIO-2019-03/05 gives an overview of hunts in NAMMCO and hunts observed 1998 -2017.

3.3 REPORTING

Hunt specific checklists (in excel format) are essential and shall be developed by the member country identified as the observation focus in a given year.

It has been agreed that reporting from observers would only include completed ticked off check lists. Annual reporting to the CIO and the Council will be carried out by the Secretariat based on the information received in the check lists and other compiled information.

The CIO has previously discussed if and how information collected through logbooks or issuing licenses can best be used. What kind of analyses would be feasible based on the information?

CIO is asked to continue the discussion, and to also submit copies of logbooks and licenses as inspiration. Greenlandic licenses can be found [here](#).

4. EVALUATION OF THE OBSERVATION SCHEME

4.1 MEMBERS COMPLIANCE TO RECOMMENDATIONS

CIO has agreed to make compliance to recommendations a standard agenda item when evaluating the Scheme.

To help the process, the Chair and the Secretariat reviewed the CHM document classifying recommendations into different categories. The result, NAMMCO/CIO-2020-03/06 (GE-CW-review. Overview of recommendations_CHM-2020) was circulated to the CIO members 25 May with deadline to reply 30 June, reminders were sent out 30 June, 10 July and 15 September.

Members are urged to review the document and give their feedback prior to the meeting.

It was emphasised that recommendations must be of a nature that makes them observable both for the observer and the CIO.

5. TRAINING COURSE OBSERVERS – FOLLOW UP

CIO has agreed that to convene one annual virtual meeting with all observers to keep them updated and informed.

CIO is asked to set a date and make an agenda for such a meeting to be held in 2020.

6. SECTION A OF THE PROVISION S OF THE NAMMCO INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION SCHEME

NAMMCO 27 tasked the CIO to review Section A of the Scheme. CIO is asked to plan for how to proceed with this task.

7. NEXT MEETING

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS