

## WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH, ENTANGLEMENTS AND LIVE STRANDINGS (BYCELS)

11 February 2021  
online 13:00 hrs – 16:00 hrs Norwegian time

### DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### 1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND REVIEW OF DOCUMENTS

The agenda and list of documents are found in [NAMMCO/BYCELS-2021-01/01](#).

#### 2. ANNUAL REPORTING FROM MEMBERS 2021

[NAMMCO/Database-2020](#) contains the NAMMCO database up to and including 2020. The BYCELS should review the submitted data from members.

#### 3. FUTURE WORK OF BYCELS

Terms of reference for BYCELS:

- 1) *The Working Group shall upon request from the Council or individual member countries, provide advice on welfare issues related to by-catch, entanglement, and live strandings, affecting marine mammals. The Working Group shall ensure that such advice is based on the best available scientific findings, technological developments and traditional knowledge, with due consideration given to safety requirements for humans*
- 2) *Members of the Working Group may raise specific questions for discussion during meetings of the Working Group. The Working Group may make proposals to the Council for specific tasks to undertake within its terms of reference*
- 3) *Non-member governments with observer status in NAMMCO may request advice from the Working Group through the Council*
- 4) *The Committee may seek outside expertise if it considers this necessary and appropriate. The WG will nominate its Chair in agreement with FAC*

BYCELS are asked to consider the ToR, the achievements of BYCELS up to now and how it sees the future of the Working Group. [NAMMCO/BYCELS-2020-01/02](#) presented at the last meeting is also tabled as an input for the discussion under this agenda item.

At the last meeting it was agreed to postpone the discussion on the future work of BYCELS until all members could be participating. It was noted that the focus would be to identify



what kind of issues member countries have with regards to animal welfare issues related to by-catch, entanglement and live stranding.

**4. NEXT MEETING**

**5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**LIST OF DOCUMENTS**

NAMMCO/BYCELS-2021-01/01	Draft annotated agenda and list of documents
NAMMCO/BYCELS-2020-01/02	Memo from the Secretariat on the database and future of BYCELS
NAMMCO/Database-2020	NAMMCO database