



NAMMCO ANNUAL MEETING 28

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Online

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

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Annotations

Item 1. Opening Procedures

Due to the meeting format and limited time, Members and Observers are asked to submit any general statements they may wish to make in writing, to which the Chair will make reference under item 1. These statements will be made available to the participants on the website.

Item 2. National & Annual Progress Reports

Under this item, Members and Observer Governments will have the opportunity to briefly highlight any national conservation and management matters of particular interest to NAMMCO.

Item 3. Financial and Administrative Issues

Item 3.1: The report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) (NAMMCO/28/04), will become available after the meeting of the FAC and on Monday 22 March.

The Council will consider the recommendations of the FAC.

Item 3.2: The audited accounts for 2020 (NAMMCO/28/05), including the result and balance sheet and auditor's report, will be presented for approval of the Council.

Item 3.3: The Council will adopt the final budget for 2021, a draft budget for 2022 and a forecast budget for 2023 (NAMMCO/28/06). The 2021 budget was adopted on a provisional basis by the Council/HoDs in March 2020.

Item 3.4: The Administrative Report of the Commission for 2019 and 2020 (NAMMCO/28/07) will be presented for the information of the Council.

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 report of the Ad Hoc Working Group on Performance Review (NAMMCO/28/15) will be presented by its Chair.

The Council will consider the PRWG's recommendations regarding the responses of NAMMCO to the recommendations of the Performance Review Panel.

Item 5. Scientific Committee (SC)

Item 5.1: The report of the SC (NAMMCO/28/08) is a consolidated summary from the [2019](#) and [2021](#) reports, which also includes the executive summary of both reports.

The SC has convened seven working groups and two workshops since its annual meeting in 2018. The reports of five of them have been made available on nammco.org a month after the distribution of the reports to the SC and the Council. They can be found at:

- [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 \(WGHARP\)](#)
- [AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON NARWHAL IN EAST GREENLAND \(NEGWG\)](#)
- [ABUNDANCE ESTIMATE WORKING GROUP \(AEWG\)](#)
- [BY-CATCH WORKING GROUP \(BYCWG\)](#)
- [COASTAL SEALS WORKING GROUP \(CSWG\)](#)

Two reports from 2020 are not yet available, but their discussions and conclusions are summarised both in the executive summary and the full 2021 SC report:

- NAMMCO-JCNB JOINT WORKING GROUP ON NARWHAL AND BELUGA: awaiting the review by the JCNB
- NAMMCO-ICES WORKSHOP ON SEAL MODELLING: the final report is still pending.

The Chair of the SC will give a summary presentation of 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.

The SC requests guidance from the Council regarding the proposed year and scope for the next NASS (NAMMCO/28/18) and the update it provides on the Super tag project (NAMMCO/28/19). The SC also request guidance regarding the funding of both projects.

The NAMMCO Scientific Publications is an open access journal, which under the Science Europe Plan S initiative should follow an open data archiving. At its 2029 meeting, the SC sought guidelines from the Council and Member Countries regarding the desirability of having open data archiving for survey data.

Item 5.2. Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2021 and 2022

Item 6. Committee on Hunting Methods (CHM)

Item 6.1: The report of the CHM (NAMMCO/28/09) is a consolidated summary of the reports of all meetings held since Council 27.

The Council will consider the recommendations of the Committee.

Item 6.2: The Council will decide on the priorities and the work plan for the Committee in 2021 and 2022.

Item 7. Committee on Inspection and Observation (CIO)

Item 7.1: The report of the CIO (NAMMCO/28/10) is a consolidated summary of the reports of all meetings held since Council 27.

The Council will consider the recommendations of the Committee.

Item 7.2: The ongoing revision of the Inspection and Observation Scheme will be presented (NAMMCO/28/16). The Council will consider the recommendations presented in document NAMMCO/28/10 related to Section A and Section B of the Observation Scheme.

Item 7.3. The Council will decide on the scope and range of observation activities for 2021 and 2022 (NAMMCO/28/17).

Item 7.4. The Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2021 and 2022.

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

Item 8.1: The report of the BYCELS Working Group (NAMMCO/28/11) is a consolidated summary of the reports of all meetings held since Council 27.

The Council will consider the recommendations of the Committee.

Item 8.2: The Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2021 and 2022.

Item 9. Management Committees (MCs)

The Management Committees will meet on Tuesday 23 and Wednesday 24 March. Under this agenda item, they will provide to the Council

- **For information:** an overview of any new proposals for conservation and management that have been agreed upon by the MCs (NAMMCO/28/12).
- **For consideration:** new (or modified) Recommendations for Scientific Research and Requests for Advice from the Scientific Committee (NAMMCO/28/13).

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

The Administrative Report (NAMMCO/28/07) presents an overview of governmental and intergovernmental IGO meetings and events where NAMMCO was represented in 2019 and 2020 and provides relevant observer reports.

Item 12. Communication and Outreach

An update on communication and outreach activities in 2019 and 2020 is included in the Administrative Report (NAMMCO/28/07). The update also includes an update on the NAMMCO website, the NAMMCO Scientific Publications and information on the website and social media.

Item 13. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Chair of the Council, Kate Sanderson (FO) and the Vice-Chair, Ole-David Stenseth (NO) were elected at NAMMCO 27 in April 2019 and have both completed a two-year term.

The Council will therefore elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

Item 14. Any other Business

Members of the Council 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

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