

Proposals for Conservation and Management endorsed by the Management Committee for Cetaceans (MCC), the Management Committee for Seals and Walrus (MCSW) and the Joint Meeting of the Management Committees (MCJ).

CETACEANS

Beluga

Advice on Sustainable Catch:

- *For the North Water stock (north of Cape York), an annual landed catch of no more than 37 individuals.*
- *For the West Greenland stock (south of Cape York and north of 65°), an annual landed catch of no more than 265 individuals.*

Narwhal

- *A new meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group for Narwhal in East Greenland be held in 2021 to review the latest data and update the assessment.*
- *Greenland include information on body length in reports of any landed animals.*

White-beaked, White-sided, and Bottlenose Dolphins

- *Greenland develop a way to distinguish between white-sided and white-beaked dolphins in reporting.*

Harbour Porpoise

Advice on Sustainable Catch:

- *For West Greenland, there be an annual catch (animals reported landed) of no more than 1,869 harbour porpoises.*

Other:

- *Greenland work to eliminate underreporting and validate the catch statistics for harbour porpoises.*
- *Greenland ask hunters in East Greenland to provide samples to scientists when harbour porpoises are caught.*
- *Conduct a formal assessment for Norway with updated by-catch estimates when new abundance estimates become available.*
- *Conduct a formal assessment for Iceland following a full review of available data, including the use of close-kinship genetic analysis to arrive at abundance estimates.*
- *Update the West Greenland assessment as soon as a new abundance estimate becomes available and no later than 2029.*

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Harp Seals

Advice on Sustainable Catch:

- *An upper limit for removals from the White Sea/Barents Sea stock of 21,172 seals.*
- *An upper limit for removals from the Greenland Sea stock of 11,548 seals.*
- *Catches on harp seals from the local communities in East Greenland may continue.*

Hooded Seals

Advice on Sustainable Catch:

- *There should be no commercial catch from the Greenland Sea stock, but that scientific and hunting by local communities may continue.*

Harbour Seals

- *Catch statistics for harbour seals in Greenland (up to 2011) be removed from the NAMMCO website due to known errors and a lack of validation.*

GENERAL

Reporting to the NAMMCO database

- *Member Countries inform the NAMMCO Secretariat of any and all revisions of catch statistics taking place at a national level (e.g., revisions of historical data or revisions after submission of national progress reports).*
- *Member Countries validate all data (direct catch, by-catch or other) before submitting it to formal databases and repositories.*

Assessment and Advice on Small Stocks

- *NAMMCO develop guidance on a principle-based approach for how to manage and provide harvest advice for small stocks*

Marine Mammal - Fisheries Interactions

- *Since self-reporting is an insufficient basis for quantifying by-catch, additional sources of information (e.g., independent observation) should always be sought.*

Non-hunting Related Anthropogenic Stressors

- *Member Countries ensure the availability of relevant information from seismic surveys to allow for proper sound estimation to meet research and management needs.*