

Terms of Reference

Excerpt from the Council report, NAMMCO 25

Council decided to follow the recommendation of FAC regarding non-hunting related welfare issues and to establish a Working Group directly under Council to deal with animal welfare issues solely related to by-catch, entanglements and live strandings. The name of the WG shall be NAMMCO WG on By-catch, Entanglements and Live strandings. Council furthermore agreed to the following terms of reference, as proposed by FAC:

- 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.*