



NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH

15 October 2021, Video conference

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Appointment of rapporteurs**
- 4. Review of available documents**
- 5. Coastal Seals: Endorse estimates for 2022 CSWG assessment**
 - 5.1 Iceland
 - 5.1.1 Lumpsucker gillnet fishery
 - 5.1.2 Bottom trawl fishery
 - 5.1.3 Cod gillnet - discuss/advise for CSWG given uncertainties
 - 5.1.4 Emerging fisheries, i.e. Greenland halibut
 - 5.2 Norway
 - 5.2.1 Updated seal by-catch analyses - cod/monkfish gillnet
 - 5.2.2. Other fisheries or vessels (i.e. >15m)
- 6. Harbour porpoise**
 - 6.1 Norway
 - 6.1.1 Review recently published harbor porpoise estimates
 - 6.1.2 Update on pinger experiments
- 7. Risk assessment for all fisheries**
 - 7.1 Overview of Lenfest project: Developing Recommendations to Estimate By-catch for the MMPA
<https://www.lenfestocean.org/en/research-projects/developing-recommendations-to-estimate-bycatch-for-the-marine-mammal-protection-act>
 - 7.2 Other ways forward
- 8. Recommendations**
 - 8.1. Recommendations for research from this WG
 - 8.2. Recommendations for conservation and management from this WG
- 9. Other business**
- 10. Adoption of report**
- 11. Next meeting**



Terms of Reference of the Scientific Committee By-catch Working Group established by SC 21:

- 1. Identify all fisheries with potential bycatch of marine mammals*
- 2. Review and evaluate current bycatch estimates for marine mammals in NAMMCO countries.*
- 3. If necessary, provide advice on improved data collection and estimation methods to obtain best estimates of total bycatch over time*