

NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE 29

WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH

25 May 2022, 14:00-17:00 CET, Video conference

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Appointment of rapporteurs**
- 4. Review of available documents**
- 5. Risk assessment for all fisheries**
 - 5.1 Purpose for risk assessment
 - 5.2 Overview from ICES WGBYC risk assessment
 - 5.3 Other examples of marine mammal by-catch risk assessment
 - 5.4 Information requirements for the MMPA Import Rule
 - 5.5 Ways forward (incl. data and time availability)
- 6. By-catch data challenges**
 - 6.1 Logbook underreporting
 - 6.2 Tier Classification System by NOAA
 - 6.3 Alternative way of estimating by-catch
- 7. Recommendations**
 - 8.1. Recommendations for research from this WG
 - 8.2. Recommendations for conservation and management from this WG
- 8. Other business**
- 9. Adoption of report**
- 10. Next meeting**



For information:

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*

Specific topics/tasks for the BYCWG meeting in 2022 include:

- Assess the overall risk of by-catch in the fisheries in the waters of NAMMCO member countries.*