



## NAMMCO ANNUAL MEETING 29

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Grand Hotel, Oslo, & Hybrid*

## MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

### DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

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<p><b>2. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS</b></p>	<p>APR REPORTS</p>
<p><b>3. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>3.1 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)</li> <li>3.2 Audited accounts 2021</li> <li>3.3 [Budget 2022], Draft budget 2023 and forecast budget 2024</li> <li>3.4 Administrative Report 2021</li> <li>3.5 Procedural changes</li> <li>3.6 Other business</li> </ul>	<p>NAMMCO/29/04, 05, 06, 07, 16, FI04</p>

<p><b>4. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>4.1 Report of the Scientific Committee 4.2 Adoption of priorities and work plan 2022-2023 4.3 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/29/08, 15
<p><b>5. MINTAG PROJECT</b></p> <p>5.1 Report of the MINTAG Steering Group 5.2 Financial update</p>	NAMMCO/29/14
<p><b>6. COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS</b></p> <p>6.1 Report of the Committee on Hunting Methods 6.2 Adoption of priorities and work plan 2022-2023 6.3 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/29/09
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<p><b>8. WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH, ENTANGLEMENTS AND LIVE STRANDINGS (BYCELS)</b></p> <p>8.1 Report of the BYCELS Working Group 8.2 Adoption of priorities and work plan 2022-2023 8.3 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/29/11
<p><b>9. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES</b></p> <p>9.1 Proposals for Conservation and Management 9.2 Recommendations for Scientific Research and Requests for Scientific Advice from the SC 9.3 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/29/12, FI01, FI02, FI03, FI06, MC05, MC06
<p><b>10. ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS &amp; ECOSYSTEM APPROACH TO MANAGEMENT</b></p>	
<p><b>11. EXTERNAL RELATIONS</b></p> <p>11.1 Cooperation with non-member countries 11.2 Cooperation with international organisations 11.3 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/29/07

<p>12. <b>COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>12.1 Website</li><li>12.2 Social media</li><li>12.3 Outreach activities</li><li>12.4 Scientific publications</li><li>12.5 Communication Plans</li><li>12.6 Other business</li></ul>	NAMMCO/29/07, 17, 18
13. <b>ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	
<p>14. <b>CLOSING PROCEDURES</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>14.1 Press Release</li><li>14.2 Next Meeting</li></ul>	NAMMCO/29/14

## Annotations

### Item 1. Opening Procedures

Parties, Observer Governments, Representative Aboriginal Organisations and, time permitting, IGOs will be invited to deliver opening statements. These statements will be made available to the participants on the website.

### Item 2. Annual Progress Reports

Under this item, Members and Observer Governments and Representative Aboriginal Organisations will have the opportunity to briefly highlight 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/29/04), will become available after the meeting of the FAC on Monday 12 September.

The Council will consider the recommendations of the FAC.

Item 3.2: The audited accounts for 2021 (NAMMCO/29/05), including the result and balance sheet and auditor's report, will be presented for approval of the Council.

Item 3.3: The interim account 2022 will be presented for information. The Council will adopt a draft budget for 2023 and a forecast budget for 2024 (NAMMCO/29/06).

Item 3.4: The Administrative Report of the Commission for 2021 (NAMMCO/29/07) will be presented for information. The sections on External Relations and Communication will be presented under point 11 and 12 respectively.

Item 3.5: Draft financial rules for NAMMCO (NAMMCO/29/17) will be presented for comments and possibly adoption.

### Item 4. Scientific Committee (SC)

Item 4.1: The report of the SC for 2021 (NAMMCO/29/08) includes an executive summary and the main report.

The SC has convened three working groups since its annual meeting in 2021. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the reports were published on [nammco.org](http://nammco.org) a month after the distribution of the reports to the SC and the Council, and can be accessed below:

- [By-Catch Working Group \(BYCWG\)](#) – October 2021, online
- [Ad hoc Working Group on Narwhal in East Greenland \(NEGWG\)](#) – October 2021, CA
- [NAMMCO-JCNB joint Scientific Working Group on Narwhal and Belugas \(JWGNB\)](#) – December 2021, DK

The NASS2024 Scientific Planning Committee met once in January 2021 (online).

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 by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the SC.

The Chair of the SC will provide an update on the preparation of NASS2024 (NAMMCO/29/15) and respond to the Council 28 request that the SC further investigate the feasibility of including fish surveys as observation platforms.

The SC requests guidance from the Council regarding the evaluation of the sub-projects under the NAMMCO part of NASS 2024.

Item 4.2. Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2022 and 2023.

#### **Item 5. MINTAG Project**

Item 5.1. The Secretariat will present the progress report of the MINTAG Steering Group, as well as the Project website (NAMMCO/29/14).

Item 5.2. The Chair of the FAC will present the financial arrangement for MINTAG and provide a status update.

#### **Item 6. Committee on Hunting Methods (CHM)**

Item 6.1: The report of the CHM (NAMMCO/29/09) is a consolidated summary of the meetings held since Council 28.

Council 28 approved the idea of producing a series of videos for training purposes and especially the proposed instruction video on the whaling cannon. CHM will report on the progress, and Council will consider any new the recommendations from the Committee.

Item 6.2: The Council will decide on the priorities and the work plan for the Committee in 2022-2023.

#### **Item 7. Committee on Inspection and Observation (CIO)**

Item 7.1: The report of the CIO (NAMMCO/29/10) is a consolidated summary of the meetings held since Council 28.

The proposal to amend the CIO ToR were presented to Council 28. The amendment has been adopted in the interim period by the HODS/Council and will be presented for information.

Item 7.2: The HoDs/Council decided in the interim period to postpone to 2023 the 2022 Observation activities because of the uncertainty due to COVID. A revised, increased budget for these activities will be presented for the consideration of Council.

Item 7.4. The Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2022 and 2023.

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

Item 8.1: The report of the BYCELS Working Group (NAMMCO/29/11) is a consolidated summary of all meetings held since Council 28.

The Council 28 tasked BYCELS to include the spinal lance in its Guidelines for the Euthanasia of Stranded Cetaceans, and the Council will consider the new version of the guidelines for adoption.

Item 8.2: The Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2022 and 2023.

#### **Item 9. Management Committees (MCs)**

The Management Committees will meet on Tuesday 13 and Wednesday 14 September. 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/29/FI06).
- **For consideration:** new Recommendations for Scientific Research and new (or modified) Requests for Advice from the Scientific Committee (NAMMCO/29/12).

#### **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/29/07) presents an overview of governmental and intergovernmental IGO meetings and events where NAMMCO was represented in 2021 and provides relevant observer reports, as well as relevant contacts with different organisations.

News on External Relations from 2022 will also be mentioned.

**Item 12. Communication and Outreach**

An update on communication and outreach activities in 2021 is included in the Administrative Report (NAMMCO/29/07). The update also includes an update on the NAMMCO website, the NAMMCO Scientific Publications and information on the website and social media.

Special attention is drawn to NAMMCO presence and stand at the IUCN World Conservation Committee in September. The posters displayed then are presented in the room.

Item 12.4: NAMMCO Scientific Publications (NSP) are an open access journal, which under the Science Europe Plan S initiative should follow an open data archiving. At its 2021 meeting, the SC sought guidelines from the Council and Member Countries regarding the desirability of having open data archiving for survey data. Council 28 **requested** the Secretariat to continue developing a draft data policy for the NSP and to circulate this to Member Countries to consider and comment on in more detail at a later stage. The Scientific Secretary will inform on the progress of this process (NAMMCO/29/18).

Item 12.5: A status over the implementation of the Communication Plan 2019-2020 (extended to 2022) and the Communication Plan 2023-2024 will be presented (NAMMCO/29/17).

**Item 13. 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 Annual meeting, NAMMCO 30, will be hosted by the Secretariat. The HoDs decided that the 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting should be held as planned in March-April 2023. Because of Easter break and meetings, as well as the necessary spacing with the SC meeting, it will be held in week 13, from Sunday 26 to Thursday 31, March 2023.

The Council should decide whether the 30<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Council should be the occasion of special activities/invitations. A place should also be decided upon.