



## TWENTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

10 - 11 February 2016, Grand Hotel, Oslo, Norway, 10:00 – 18:00

### ANNOTATED AGENDA

Agenda Items	Document Reference
<p><b>1. OPENING PROCEDURES</b></p> <p>1.1. Welcome address            1.2. Admission of Observers            1.3. Opening statements            1.4. Adoption of agenda            1.5. Meeting arrangements            1.6. Invited speaker presentation: Dr. Nicola Beaumont, Plymouth Marine Laboratory, UK: “Why do marine mammals need ecosystem-based management? And what have they ever done for us? An exploration of the ecosystem service approach to support the NAMMCO framework”.</p>	<p>NAMMCO/24/2</p>
<p><b>2. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION</b></p> <p>2.1. Report of the Finance and Administration Committee            2.1.1. Audited accounts 2015            2.1.2. Communication and Outreach Strategy            2.1.3. Performance review”            2.1.4. Amendments to Rules                2.1.4.1. Amendments to RoPs of Council and Committees                2.1.4.2. Amendments to Staff Rules                2.1.4.3. Adoption of rules for Observers            2.1.5. Budget 2016 and Draft Budget 2017            2.2. Adoption of RoP for the Scientific Joint WG of NAMMCO and JCNB            2.3. Other business</p>	<p>NAMMCO/24/04            NAMMCO/24/05            NAMMCO/24/25            NAMMCO/24/28              NAMMCO/24/15-19            NAMMCO/24/21            NAMMCO/24/22            NAMMCO/24/06            NAMMCO/24/29</p>
<p><b>3. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE</b></p> <p>3.1. Report of the Scientific Committee            3.1.1. Overall work in 2015            3.1.2. Cooperation with other organisation            3.1.3. Officers            3.1.4. Other business            3.2. Priorities and work Plan of the Scientific Committee in 2016-2017            3.3. Other business</p>	<p>NAMMCO/24/07</p>

<b>4. NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS</b>	NAMMCO/24/NPR-F NAMMCO/24/NPR-G NAMMCO/24/NPR-I NAMMCO/24-NPR-N
<b>5. JOINT MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES</b>  5.1. Report of the Joint Meeting of the Management Committees 5.2. Recommendations for requests for advice 5.3. Other business	NAMMCO/24/08
<b>6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR CETACEANS</b>  6.1. Report of the Management Committee for Cetaceans 6.2. Recommendations for requests for advice 6.3. Other business	NAMMCO/24/09
<b>7. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEALS AND WALRUSES</b>  7.1. Report of the Management Committee for Seals and Walrus 7.2. Recommendations for requests for advice 7.3. Update on EU seal ban and Inuit exemption 7.4. Other business	NAMMCO/24/10
<b>8. HUNTING METHODS</b>  8.1. TTD Expert Group 8.2. Report of the Committee on Hunting Methods 8.3. Recommendations arising from the Committee 8.4. Other Business	NAMMCO/24/12 NAMMCO/24/11 NAMMCO/24/11
<b>9. THE JOINT NAMMCO CONTROL SCHEME</b>  9.1. Report of the Committee on Inspection and Observation 9.2. Observation in 2015 9.3. Observation planned in 2016 9.4. Other business	NAMMCO/24/13 NAMMCO/24/14 NAMMCO/24/14
<b>10. ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS</b>	NAMMCO/24/08
<b>11. MARINE MAMMALS AS FOOD RESOURCES</b>	NAMMCO/24/23
<b>12. EXTERNAL RELATIONS</b>  12.1. Cooperation with international organisations 12.2. ASCOBANS 12.3. Other business	NAMMCO/24/24
<b>13. INFORMATION &amp; COMMUNICATION</b>  13.1. NAMMCO website 13.2. Stock status list 13.3. Social Media 13.4. Flyers 13.5. Scientific Publications 13.6. Other business	NAMMCO/24/25 NAMMCO/24/25 NAMMCO/24/25 NAMMCO/24/25 NAMMCO/24/26 NAMMCO/24/07

<b>14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS</b>	NAMMCO/24/20
<b>15. CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS</b>  15.1. Press release 15.2. Next meeting	

## ANNOTATIONS TO NAMMCO/24/2 - DRAFT COUNCIL AGENDA

### **Agenda 2. FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION**

Item 2.1 concerns all items under the report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC), circulated as NAMMCO/24/04. NAMMCO/24/05 comprises the final and audited accounts for 2015 and the auditor's reports. NAMMCO/24/06 comprises the account 2015, adopted draft budget 2016, revised budget 2016 and forecast budget for 2017. Accounts 2015, revised budget 2016 and forecast budget 2017 are to be approved by the Council.

Item 2.1.2 concerns the proposed Communication and Outreach Strategy.

Item 2.1.3 concerns the Performance review proposed.

Item 2.1.4 concerns proposed amendments to Rules of Procedures for Council and Committees, Staff Rules and Rules for Observers..

Item 2.2 concerns proposed amendments to the Rules of Procedures for the Scientific Joint Working Group of NAMMCO and JCNB. Note that this rules have already been adopted by the JCNB but also need to be endorsed by NAMMCO Council.

### **Agenda 3. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

The Report of the Scientific Committee (SC) is circulated as NAMMCO/24/7. This includes the Executive Summary, main report, four appendices (Agenda, Participants, Documents, and Observer's Reports) and three Annexes containing the reports from NAMMCO Scientific Committee Working Groups on Assessment (Annex 1), the NAMMCO-JCNB Joint Scientific WG on Narwhal and Beluga (Annex 2) and NAMMCO Scientific Committee Working Groups on Survey Planning (Annex 3). The Chair with the assistance of the Vice-Chair of the SC will give a summary presentation of the SC report, and all details pertaining to recommendations will be taken up in the relevant Management Committees by item.

### **Agenda 4. NATIONAL PROGRESS REPORTS**

Discussion and questions related to National Progress Reports will be referred to the relevant Management Committees.

### **Agenda 5. JOINT MEETING OF THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES**

The Report of the Joint Meeting of the Management Committees which will meet on Tuesday 8 February, will be available to the meeting as NAMMCO/24/08.

### **Agenda 6. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR CETACEANS**

The Report of the Management Committee for Cetaceans which will meet on Tuesday 8 February, will be available to the meeting as NAMMCO/24/09.

### **Agenda 7. MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE FOR SEALS AND WALRUSES**

The Report of the Management Committee for Seals and Walruses which will meet on Tuesday 8 February, will be available to the meeting as NAMMCO/24/10.

### **Agenda 8. HUNTING METHODS**

The Report of the Committee on Hunting Methods is circulated as NAMMCO/24/11 under 8.1. The report of the Expert Group on Assessing TTD (Time to Death) for large whales for large whales (NAMMCO/24/12) will be presented under 8.2.

**Agenda 9. THE JOINT NAMMCO CONTROL SCHEME**

The Report of the Committee on Inspection and Observation is circulated as NAMMCO/24/13 under 9.1. Observation and inspection in 2015 and planned in 2016 under 9.2 and 9.3 respectively (NAMMCO/24/14).

**Agenda 10. ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS**

Presently there is no documentation to consider under this agenda item. However the report from the Joint Meeting of the Management Committee (NAMMCO/24/08) will have relevant elements, notably related to the Mary River Project and conclusions from the NAMMCO Disturbance Symposium on the *“Impacts of human disturbance, including noise and shipping activities, on the distribution, behaviour and conservation status of marine mammals in the Arctic, with a focus on belugas, narwhals and walrus.”*

**Agenda 11. MARINE MAMMALS AS FOOD RESOURCES**

The status of the project will be reported under this item (NAMMCO/24/23).

**Agenda 12. EXTERNAL RELATIONS**

Document NAMMCO/24/24 presents the observers’ reports.

**Agenda 13. INFORMATION & COMMUNICATION**

items presented will include status and upgrade of NAMMCO website (13.1) in the light of the NAMMCO communication strategy, as well as the completion of NAMMCO stock status list (13.2), social media, NAMMCO new flyers (NAMMCO/24/26). Also discussed under agenda item 14.6 are scientific publications (see NAMMCO/24/7).

**Agenda 14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The new Japanese Scientific Whale Research Programme in the Antarctic Ocean will be presented.

**Agenda 15. CLOSING ARRANGEMENTS**

The press release should be approved (18.1). The venue and likely date of the next Council meeting (18.2) needs to be set, in the light of the Jubilee. The host for NAMMCO 25 (February 2016) is scheduled as Greenland.