



NORTH ATLANTIC MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

Joint Meeting of the Management Committee
9 February 2016, Oslo, Norway

DRAFT REPORT

1. CHAIRMAN'S OPENING REMARKS

The Chair, Ulla Swaver Wang (Farø Islands), welcomed the members and observers to the Joint Session of the Management Committee.

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The agenda was adopted without revisions (Appendix X).

The Chair drew the attention of the JMC to the list of documents (doc #).

3. APPOINTMENT OF RAPPORTER

Jill Previn from the Secretariat acted as rapporteur, with help from participants as needed.

4. ENVIRONMENTAL QUESTIONS

4.1. *Disturbance symposium¹*

The Symposium organized by NAMMCO and titled "Impacts of Human Activities on Arctic Marine Mammals" which was held this past October 2015 in Copenhagen. This Symposium was organized to address requests from Greenland and the NAMMCO Council to the Scientific Committee (B-2.6.3 and 3.4.9... provide advice on the effects of human disturbance, including noise and shipping activities, on the distribution, behaviour and conservation status of belugas, narwhals (and walrus) particularly in West Greenland.)

The organizer's report was available to the Joint MC, however the Chair reminded the MC that although they will consider its contents, the report was not yet available to the Scientific Committee at their meeting in November 2015. However, Mads Peter Heide-Jørgensen, SC Co-Chair for the Symposium, informed the SC orally about a few issues of concern, in particular the Mary River mining project. Based on this, the SC acted that these industrial activities would likely have impact on the hunting of several marine mammal species in the area.

¹ NAMMCO Symposium "Impacts of Human Disturbance on Arctic Marine Mammals" 11-19 October 2015