



NORTH ATLANTIC MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

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REV: METHODS**

Submitted by: Committee on Hunting Methods

Action required:

Council is asked to note the report from the Committee on Hunting Methods and endorse the following conclusions and recommendations the Committee has drawn attention to arising from the Expert Group meeting on assessing TTD data on large whales:

- Concern that the rifle hunt in Greenland seems to be increasing as a result of demand for meat that is not being met by the harpoon custom hunt.
- In general, to recognise the importance of increasing hunters awareness through training, of the angle of the shot relative to the animals body position in order to reduce TTD.
- To monitor TTD at 10 year intervals.
- To organise a Workshop on alternatives for collecting standardised TTD data that is more economical and also makes it possible to compare TTD between countries.
- To review underlying reasons for struck and lost with the aim of decreasing it.

Council is also asked to give guidance as to how to proceed with the recommendations.

Council is asked to advise how issues related to bycatch, strandings and entanglement of whales can best be addressed.