



NORTH ATLANTIC MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

TWENTY FOURTH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

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**DOCUMENT 18 PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ROP FOR THE
COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS**

Submitted by: Finance and Administration Committee

The Finance and Administration Committee (FAC)

- **Considering** that some points in the RoP for the Committee on Hunting Methods need clarification and precision and in an effort to aligning the RoP of all subsidiary bodies,

- **Recommends** therefore Council to

- Propose amendments to the new text if desired,
- Adopt the new text for the RoP for the Committee on Hunting Methods

Background: The comments in the margin on the document are intended to explain why the changes were proposed.



RULES OF PROCEDURE FOR THE COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS

Adopted NAMMCO 4 – February 1994, revised NAMMCO 8 – September 1998

I Terms of Reference

1.1 The Committee shall, upon request from the Council or individual member countries, provide advice on hunting methods for those species of marine mammals relevant to NAMMCO member countries. The Committee shall ensure that such advice is based on the best available scientific findings, technological developments and traditional knowledge, with due consideration given to safety requirements and efficiency of utilization.

1.2 Members of the Committee may raise specific questions for discussion during meetings of the Committee. The Committee may make proposals to the Council for specific tasks to undertake within its terms of reference.

1.3 Non-member governments with observer status in NAMMCO may request advice from the Committee through the Council.

II Membership

2.1 Each NAMMCO member country shall be represented by up to two Committee members.

2.2 The Committee shall elect from among its members a Chairman and a Vice-Chairman, who shall each serve for two years, after which time they may be re-elected.

2.3 The Committee may also seek outside expertise when the Committee considers this to be necessary and appropriate.

III Observers

3.1 Attendance of **accredited** observers shall not be permitted at the meetings of the Committee on Hunting Methods unless otherwise decided by the majority of the Committee and approved by the Council.

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IV Meetings

4.1 The Committee shall meet once a year, preferably prior to the annual meeting of the Council, unless otherwise decided by the Council. Additional meetings may be held when judged necessary by the Committee and approved by the Chairman of the Council.

4.2 A provisional agenda for the Committee shall be compiled by the Chairman and distributed to Committee members no later than 30 days prior to the meeting in question. Comments or suggestions for revision of the provisional agenda shall reach the Chairman no less than 10 days prior to that meeting.

4.3 The Chairman shall, in consultation with other members of the Committee and the Secretary of NAMMCO, seek to ensure that key documentation of relevance to the provisional agenda is available at the beginning of each meeting.

V Report

5.1 A draft report shall be presented for consideration before the end of the Committee meeting. The final report of each meeting shall be prepared by the Secretariat as required by the Committee and transmitted to all members of the Council as soon as possible after the meeting and within two weeks after the conclusion of the Committee's deliberation.

5.2 The report of the Committee on Hunting Methods shall be made available by the Secretariat to anyone who so wishes, according to guidelines approved by the Council.

VI Amendment of Rules

6.1 Proposals for amendment of these Rules of Procedure shall reach the Chairman of the Council not less than 60 days prior to the Council meeting at which the matter is to be discussed. The Chairman of the Council shall transmit these proposals through the Secretariat to the Members of the Council not less than 30 days prior to that meeting.

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