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*This document contains the following:*

*Report of the meeting of the Committee on Inspection and Observation held 22 January 2015*

**REPORT OF THE TELEPHONE MEETING OF  
THE COMMITTEE ON INSPECTION AND OBSERVATION**

The Committee on Inspection and Observation held a telephone meeting 22 January from 14:00 to 15:20 hrs. Online were: Nette Levermann, Chair (Greenland), Eyjolf Ryterson and Guðni Magnus Erlanson (Iceland), Hild Yrnesdal (Norway), and Ulla S Wang (Faroe Islands). Charlotte Winsnes attended from the Secretariat.

**1. OPENING PROCEDURE**

The Chair, Nette Levermann, welcomed the Committee members to the meeting. The draft agenda was adopted and the list of documents reviewed. The Chair and Charlotte Winsnes acted as rapporteurs.

**2. THE 2014 SEASON**

Presented under this agenda item were documents NAMMCO/IO-January/2015/2 containing the report from the Secretariat of the Observation Scheme for 2014 and NAMMCO/IO-January/2015/3 containing the reports from the observer active in 2014.

Whaling and sealing in Greenland had been the focus of the observation scheme in 2014. One observer was contracted for the period 17 August to 5 September. No violations had been observed, and reports had been submitted to the Secretariat.

The Committee took note of the reports, and made a general comment on the continued importance of informing the hunters about NAMMCO and the rationale behind the observation scheme.

**3. The 2015 SEASON**

Presented under this agenda item were documents NAMMCO/IO-January/2015/4 containing the scope and budget of the Observation activities for 2015.

The Committee had advised the Secretariat to present the plans for coming observation activities with information on geographical area, planned effort compared to the total fleet/hunt when applicable and a more detailed budget.