

NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE 29

WORKING GROUP ON HARBOUR PORPOISE

*7-10th of November 2022,
University of Oslo, Oslo, Norway*

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Chairman welcome and opening remarks**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Appointment of rapporteurs**
- 4. Review of available documents and reports**
 - 4.1. Harbour Porpoise Working Group 2019
 - 4.2. Harbour Porpoise Workshop 2018
 - 4.3. Harbour porpoise Working Group 2013
 - 4.4. Summary of previous recommendations
 - 4.5. Others
- 5. Harbour porpoise assessment for Norway**
 - 5.1. Stock identity
 - 5.2. Biological parameters
 - 5.3. Abundance estimation
 - 5.4. By-catch
 - 5.5. Impacts from other anthropogenic stressors
 - 5.6. Population modelling & assessment
 - 5.7. Recommendations
 - 5.7.1. Recommendations for Research
 - 5.7.2. Recommendations for conservation & management
- 6. Updated information on Harbour porpoise from other NAMMCO areas**
 - 6.1. Review of new available data and findings from Iceland, Greenland, and the Faroe Islands

6.2. Data gaps to be filled before future assessments

7. Data needed for conducting an assessment on *Lagenorhynchus* sp

7.1. Review of available data in the NAMMCO countries and adjacent areas

7.1.1. Stock identity

7.1.2. Biological parameters

7.1.3. Abundance estimation

7.1.4. Removals (catch and by-catch)

7.1.5. Impacts from other anthropogenic stressors

7.2. Data gaps to be filled before an assessment (with prioritization)

8. Data needed for conducting an assessment on Pilot whales

8.1. Review of available data in the NAMMCO countries and adjacent areas

8.1.1. Stock identity

8.1.2. Biological parameters

8.1.3. Abundance estimation

8.1.4. Removals (catch and by-catch)

8.1.5. Impacts from other anthropogenic stressors

8.2. Data gaps to be filled before an assessment (with prioritization)

9. Other business

10. Acceptance of report

11. Closing remarks

For information:

Terms of Reference of the HPWG 2022 Group established by SC 28:

- a) Conduct an assessment of the sustainability of the removals of harbour porpoise in Norway*
- b) Identify knowledge gaps and needs for further research*
- c) Assess impacts from non-hunting related anthropogenic stresses (pollution, climate change, noise etc)*

Additionally, the SC decided that this WG should:

- d) Review the information available on the genus *Lagenorhynchus* in the NAMMCO area and advise on how progressing towards and preparing of an assessment of the species in 2023.*
- e) Review the information available on pilot whales in the NAMMCO area and advise on how progressing towards and preparing of an assessment of the species in 2023.*