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MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

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Annotations

Item 1. Opening Procedures

Item 1.3: Parties, Observer Governments, Representative Indigenous Organisations and, time permitting, IGOs will be invited to deliver opening statements. These statements will be made available to the participants on the website.

Item 1.6: Following a presentation by Dr. Tore Haug, the participants, members of Parties' as well as Observers' delegation, will be invited to share they thoughts about the role and opportunities of NAMMCO in the future.

Item 2. Annual Progress Reports

Members and Observer Governments and Representative Indigenous Organisations will have the opportunity to briefly highlight conservation and management matters of particular interest to NAMMCO.

There is a proposal for Council to change the current deadline for national reporting from 1 February to 1 March, taking into account national catch registration procedures.

Item 3. Financial and Administrative Issues

Item 3.1: The report of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) (NAMMCO/30/04), will become available after the meeting of the FAC on Tuesday 28 March.

The Council will consider the recommendations of the FAC.

Item 3.2: The audited accounts for 2022 (NAMMCO/30/05), including the result and balance sheet and auditor's report, will be presented for approval of the Council.

Item 3.3: The Council will adopt a draft budget for 2024 and a forecast budget for 2025 (NAMMCO/30/06).

Item 3.4: The Administrative Report of the Commission for 2022 (NAMMCO/30/07) will be presented for information. The sections on External Relations and Communication will be presented under point 11 and 12 respectively.

Item 4. Scientific Committee (SC)

Item 4.1: The SC held its annual meeting on 23-26 January 2023. The report of the SC (NAMMCO/30/08) includes an executive summary and the main report.

The SC has convened two working groups and a workshop since its annual meeting in 2022. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the reports were published on nammco.org a month after the distribution of the reports to the SC and the Council, and can be accessed below:

- [By-Catch Working Group \(BYCWG\)](#) – May 2022, online
- [Harbour Porpoise Working Group \(HPWG\)](#) – November 2022, NO
- [NAMMCO-JCNB Joint Scientific Working Group on Narwhal and Beluga Disturbance Workshop \(JWGNBDWS\)](#) – December 2022, DK

The SC also convened a meeting in November for preparing for the workshop on bearded and the working group on ringed seals (online).

The NASS2024 Scientific Planning Committee met in November 2022 (online) and in January 2023 (Copenhagen, DK) during the SC meeting.

The Vice-Chair of the SC will present a summary of the overall work of the SC. Information and recommendations pertaining to species and eco-system related issues have been presented in the relevant Management Committees on 1 and 2 March 2023.

An update on the preparation of NASS2024 (NAMMCO/30/16) will be given as well as a response to the Council 28 request to the SC to further investigate the feasibility of including fish surveys as observation platforms.

The SC requests guidance from the Council on the evaluation of the sub-projects under the NAMMCO part of NASS 2024.

Item 4.2. The Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2023 and 2024.

Item 5. MINTAG Project

Item 5.1. The Secretariat will present the progress report of the MINTAG Steering Group (NAMMCO/30/15).

Item 5.2. The FAC will present the project's financial update.

Item 6. Committee on Hunting Methods (CHM)

Item 6.1: The Chair of the CHM will present a summary of the Committee's activities since Council 29 (NAMMCO/30/09).

Item 6.2: The Council will decide on the priorities and the work plan for the Committee in 2023-2024.

Item 7. Committee on Inspection and Observation (CIO)

Item 7.1: The Chair of the CIO will present a summary of the Committee's activities since Council 29, including an update on the ongoing observation activities (NAMMCO/30/10).

Item 7.4. The Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2023 and 2024.

Item 8. Working Group on User Knowledge

Item 8.1: A small group was nominated to prepare draft ToRs for the WG, the proposal will be presented to Council for consideration and approval. The comments made by the MCs will also be provided.

Item 8.2: The Council will decide on a procedure on how to nominate members to the WG.

Item 9. Management Committees (MCs)

The MCs met online 1-2 March 2023

Recommendations forwarded from the MCs regarding requests for advice from the SC (NAMMCO/30/13) will be presented for the consideration of the Council.

Information will be presented on the status (proposals forwarded or not) of the recommendations for Conservation and Management and Research to the Parties, that were forwarded to them by the Scientific Committee (NAMMCO/30/12).

Item 10. Environmental Questions & Ecosystem Approach to Management

The importance of environmental questions NAMMCO commitment to progress towards an ecosystem approach to management was reiterated in the Nuuk Declaration (2017). Environmental matters directly related to scientific advice on the conservation and management of marine mammals are addressed by the joint meeting of the MCs (MCJ). Other issues of relevance to NAMMCO may be raised under this item.

Item 11. External Relations

The Administrative Report (NAMMCO/30/07) presents an overview of governmental and intergovernmental IGO meetings and events where NAMMCO was represented in 2022 and provides relevant observer reports, as well as relevant contacts with different organisations.

Item 12. Communication and Outreach

An update on communication and outreach activities in 2022 is included in the Administrative Report (NAMMCO/30/07). The update also includes an update on the NAMMCO website, the NAMMCO Scientific Publications and information on visitors' activities on the NAMMCO website and social media.

Item 12.3: A short status of the NAMMCO Food Event hosted by the Faroe Islands in October 2022 will be given (NAMMCO/30/17).

Item 12.4: Vol 12 of the NAMMCO Scientific Publications published in December 2022 will be presented.

Item 13. Any other Business

A new Chair and new Vice-Chair of the Commission should be elected.

Item 14. Any other Business

Members of the Council are asked to inform the Chair as early as possible of any other matters they may wish to raise under this item.

Item 14 Closing Procedures

The next Annual meeting, NAMMCO 31, will be hosted by Iceland. Dates and place should be decided upon.