

United States Opening Statement

NAMMCO Council Meeting

29 March 2023

The United States would like to thank the NAMMCO members for the invitation to observe your 30th Annual Meeting. We are pleased to be here in Tromsø to observe the Council meeting. We continue to wish to engage with the NAMMCO Members to gain a better understanding of your organization and approach to issues of mutual concern.

We continue to be interested in NAMMCO's work on bycatch, entanglements and strandings, the ecosystem approach to management, and work on hunting methods. We wish to build our understanding of NAMMCO's decision-making process, how scientific information is used, how conservation issues are addressed, how indigenous communities' views and knowledge are incorporated into decisions, and how management issues are addressed. We look forward to observing discussions over the next few days and appreciate the opportunity to be here with you all this week.