

NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE 30

COASTAL SEALS WORKING GROUP

*8-11 May 2023,
Greenland Representation, Copenhagen*

AGENDA

Monday 8th (9:30-16:00 CET)

- 1. Chairman welcome and opening remarks**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Appointment of rapporteurs**
- 4. Review of terms of reference, available documents and reports**
 - 4.1. Coastal Seals Working Group 2016
 - 4.2. Coastal Seals Working Group 2021
 - 4.3. Summary of previous recommendations
 - 4.4. Others
- 5. Status of Harbour seal populations in the North East Atlantic**
 - 5.1. Current research**
 - 5.1.1. Stock identity
 - 5.1.2. Biological parameters
 - 5.1.3. Distribution/migration
 - 5.2. Population size and anthropogenic impacts**
 - 5.2.1. Abundance estimation
 - 5.2.2. Removals (Catch and By-catch)
 - 5.2.3. Impacts from other anthropogenic stressors.
 - 5.3. Data gaps and information from other areas in the North Atlantic**

Tuesday 9th (9:00-16:00 CET)

5.4. Harbour seal population assessment

5.4.1. Norway

5.4.2. Iceland

5.4.3. Greenland

6. Status of Grey seal populations in the North East Atlantic

6.1. Current research

6.1.1. Stock identity

6.1.2. Biological parameters

6.1.3. Distribution/migration

6.2. Population size and anthropogenic impacts

6.2.1. Abundance estimation

6.2.2. Removals (Catch and By-catch)

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6.3. Data gaps and information from other areas in the North Atlantic

Wednesday 10th (9:00-16:00 CET)

6.4. Grey seal population assessment

6.4.1. Norway

6.4.2. Iceland

6.4.3. Faroe Islands

7. Recommendations

7.1. Guidelines for responsible removals from small coastal seal stocks

7.2. Recommendations for Harbour seals

7.2.1. Recommendations for Research

7.2.2. Recommendations for conservation & management

7.3. Recommendations for Grey seals

7.3.1. Recommendations for Research

7.3.2. Recommendations for conservation & management

8. Other business

Thursday 11th (10:00-13:00 CET)

9. Acceptance of report

10. Closing remarks

For information:

Terms of Reference of the CSWG 2023 established by SC 29:

- a) To provide a new assessment for grey and harbour seals throughout the North Atlantic.*
- b) To provide guidelines for responsible removals from small coastal seal stocks.*