



## WORKING GROUP ON ENHANCING USER INVOLVEMENT IN NAMMCO DECISION MAKING (UWIG)

22 June 2023, online, 1300-1600 CET

### DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

#### 1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Council 29(2022) agreed to establish a Working Group on User Knowledge based on the following considerations:

"From points raised during the Council meeting and previously by various Parties, it seems there is imbalance between how purely scientific information and information derived from various stakeholders are used in assessment and management approaches for marine mammals in the NAMMCO context.

While the topic of how to include user knowledge in management processes has been raised in various specialised working groups, it seems this topic is of sufficiently broad relevance as to warrant a separate working group to specifically address how best to include user knowledge in management and decision-making processes.

Such a working group should consist of relevant stakeholders (such as hunters etc) as well as, managers, and scientists with expertise on marine mammal management and, more importantly, representatives with expertise in how to incorporate user knowledge in research and management processes."

A small ad-hoc drafting group was established to draft a proposal for the Terms of Reference (ToR) (see agenda item 5) that was adopted by Council 30 (March 2023).

#### 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

#### 3. INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS OF THE UWIG

All members to shortly present themselves.

#### 4. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Select a chair for the UWIG.

#### 5. REVIEW OF TERMS OF REFERENCE WITH SPECIAL FOCUS ON

NAMMCO/UWG-2023-01/01 gives the Terms of Reference for the UWIG.

##### 5.1 EXTENSION OF THE UWIG WITH ADDITIONAL EXPERTISE

From the ToR:

The UWIG shall be comprised of members appointed by the member countries that considered should represent:

- Users – (that can be nominated by organisations) with at least one representative from each member country.
- Natural and social scientists, including experts on indigenous knowledge and rights in international processes.
- Managers