

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

22 June 2023, online, 1300-1400 CET

## DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

### 1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

Council 29 (2022) agreed to establishment 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 UIWG

All members to shortly present themselves.

### 4. SELECTION OF CHAIR

Select a chair for the UIWG.

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

NAMMCO/UIWG-2023-01/02 gives the Terms of Reference for the UIWG.

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

From the ToR:

The UIWG shall be comprised of members appointed by the member countries that combined should represent/cover:

- 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

The UIWG may seek outside expertise when this is considered necessary and appropriate.

To meet the ToR it is envisaged that the UIWG will need to identify additional possible resource persons to broaden the fields of expertise and experience covered by the group.

A few names/ ideas for inspiration:

[Professor Grete Hovelsrud](#), [NORD University](#), Bodø, Norway. Social anthropologist who has worked extensively with peoples resilience to climate change, involving users in co-producing of the knowledge base

[Victoria Buschmann](#), [Greenland Institute of Natural Resources](#), Conservation Biology.

[Finn Danielsen](#) and [Martin Enghoff](#), [NORDECO](#), Project: "Arctic User Knowledge Network: From Local to Global" with the aim of:

To develop transatlantic cooperation between Arctic small-scale resource users, and exchange experiences on enhancing the use of local knowledge to inform decision-making in international management bodies, thereby improving local business, sustainable exploitation, and resilience.

## 6. NEXT STEPS

## 7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

### LIST OF DOCUMENTS

NAMMCO/UIWG-2023-01/01 Draft annotated agenda

NAMMCO/UIWG-2023-01/02 Terms of Reference