

**NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE 30**

**WORKING GROUP ON BY-CATCH**

*28 September 2023, 14:30–17:30 CET, Video conference*

**DRAFT AGENDA**

- 1. Welcome from the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Appointment of rapporteurs**
- 4. Review of previous recommendations and available documents**
  - 4.1 Scoping of fisheries data available in the NAMMCO member countries
- 5. Risk assessment for all fisheries**
  - 5.1 Formulation of a data call directed to the NAMMCO countries
  - 5.2 Data processing
  - 5.3 By-catch data challenges
  - 5.4 Future steps
- 6. Recommendations**
  - 8.1. Recommendations for research from this WG
  - 8.2. Recommendations for conservation and management from this WG
- 7. Other business**
- 8. Adoption of report**
- 9. Next meeting**



For information:

***Terms of Reference of the Scientific Committee By-catch Working Group established by SC 21:***

- 1. Identify all fisheries with potential bycatch of marine mammals*
- 2. Review and evaluate current bycatch estimates for marine mammals in NAMMCO countries.*
- 3. If necessary, provide advice on improved data collection and estimation methods to obtain best estimates of total bycatch over time*

***Specific topics/tasks for the BYCWG meeting in 2023 include:***

*To formulate a data call to be sent to the fisheries departments of NAMMCO member countries, with the aim to use the data for mapping marine mammal by-catch risk in the NAMMCO waters.*