



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

15 January 2024, online, 12:00 CET

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND**
- 2. PROCESS FOR INCREASING USER INVOLVEMENT IN MANAGEMENT DECISIONS**
- 3. RULES OF PROCEDURE**
- 4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Terms of Reference of the User Involvement Working Group are:

The Working Group on enhancing user involvement in NAMMCO decision making (UIWG) shall consider and give advice on how to best initiate, improve and strengthen usersⁱ involvement in NAMMCO to produce better decisions and strengthen the legitimacy of decisions. This will involve finding best practices on how to co-produce knowledge by stakeholders (users, scientists, managers) to obtain the best ecosystem-based management of marine mammals and their use by the societies that utilise them.

The work of the UIWG shall *inter alia* take due account of challenges represented by:

- Different cultures & worldviews
- Diverging approaches to knowledge
- Lack of shared language & terminology
- Uneven power relations
- Limited funding usually attributed to the collection of users knowledge,

and, be guided by the importance of factors like:

- Patience and time
- Trust & confidence building
- Humility & respect
- Common objectives & shared terminology
- Documenting user & local knowledge
- Regular interactions & contact
- Formal and informal meeting sites
- Long term perspective, e.g., long term sustainability of management decisions
- Long term stability of initiatives

The lists of considerations are not exhaustive.

ⁱ Users include hunters and any other users of the resource such as local inhabitants, representatives from the fisheries and tourism Industries and others.