



NAMMCO SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE 31

BY-CATCH WORKING GROUP

29–31 October 2024, Hafnarfjörður, Iceland

DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from the Chair**
- 2. Adoption of agenda**
- 3. Appointment of rapporteurs**
- 4. Review and validation of fishing effort data provided by NAMMCO countries**
- 5. Exploratory analysis**
- 6. Analytical plan**
 - 6.1 End goal with the given data (*what will the final deliverables be, tables, maps, report with recommendations?*)
 - 6.2 Prioritisation of analyses (*what do we want to examine first? E.g., specific gear types*)
 - 6.3 Assignment of tasks for each step (*who is analysing, who is cross-checking, who is mapping*)
 - 6.4 Sources of marine mammal distribution data
- 7. Next meeting (*date and aims*)**
- 8. Information on pingers (*questions asked by Greenland*)**
 - 8.1 Status on the use of pingers/deterrents to reduce seal depredation of fishing nets
 - 8.2 Regarding the use of pingers/deterrents to avoid humpback whale entanglement in seine/pound nets
 - 8.2.1 Success rates
 - 8.2.2 Possible sources (*in GL so far apparently an expensive pinger coming from Australia, and UK Fishtech pingers at 995 DKK*)
- 9. Any other business**
- 10. Review of report draft (*If we have been working mostly on analysis etc., then we can agree only on a plan and any recommendations, and adopt the rest of the text by correspondence*)**



For information:

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

- 1. Identify all fisheries with potential by-catch of marine mammals.*
- 2. Review and evaluate current by-catch 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 by-catch over time.*