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DOCUMENT 13	LIST OF REQUESTS FOR ADVICE TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
Submitted by	The Management Committee for Cetaceans (MCC), the Management Committee for Seals and Walrus (MCSW) and the Joint Management Committee (MCJ)
Action requested	To adopt
Background	<p>This document contains:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New requests for advice to the Scientific Committee from the Management Committees • Reformulated requests for advice to the Scientific Committee • Requests for advice to the Scientific Committee considered answered and closed

1. NEW REQUESTS FOR ADVICE TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE RECOMMENDED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

1.1 NARWHAL AND BELUGA

R-3.4.15: To prioritise investigating alternative survey methods and survey frequency for small stocks, with a focus on beluga and narwhal in East Greenland.

R-3.4.16: To prioritise the collection and analysis of information to improve the understanding of stock structure of beluga whales in East Greenland, which may allow future assessments for this species in this area.

2. REQUESTS FOR ADVICE TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REFORMULATED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

2.1 BEARDED SEAL

R-2.7.1: To complete its review and assessment of bearded seals when the necessary data become available, and collect and analyse existing information.

2.2 RINGED SEAL

R-2.3.3: To complete its review and assessment of ringed seals when the necessary data become available, and collect and analyse existing information.

2.3 GREY SEAL

R-2.4.2: To provide a new assessment of grey seal stocks in all NAMMCO areas.

2.4 NARWHAL AND BELUGA

R-3.4.11: To update the assessment of both narwhal and beluga, when new data warrant such an exercise.

3. REQUESTS FOR ADVICE TO THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE CONSIDERED ANSWERED AND CLOSED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

3.1 MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES

R-1.6.8: To prepare a tentative long-term plan (10–15 years) for the assessments of all the stocks within the remit of NAMMCO.