

## 31<sup>ST</sup> MEETING

# NAMMCO Scientific Committee

*21-24 January 2024, Tromsø, Norway*

## DRAFT AGENDA

- 1. Welcome from the Chair & Opening Remarks**
- 2. Adoption of Agenda**
- 3. Appointment of Rapporteurs**
- 4. Review of Available Documents and Reports**
  - 4.1. National and annual progress reports
    - 4.1.1. Updates from observers
  - 4.2. Working group reports
  - 4.3. Other reports and documents
- 5. Updates from Council**
  - 5.1. General comments
  - 5.2. Endorsed SC work plan
- 6. Work procedures**
  - 6.1. Recommendations and Proposals—clarifying definitions
  - 6.2. Following up on Recommendations forwarded to Parties
  - 6.3. Dealing with stalled Requests
- 7. Interactions with other organisations**
  - 7.1. ASCOBANS
  - 7.2. Arctic Council and working groups
  - 7.3. ICES
  - 7.4. IWC
- 8. NAMMCO Website**
  - 8.1. Website Updates & Species Pages (R-1.8.3)
- 9. Environmental/Ecosystem Issues**
  - 9.1. Marine mammal / Fisheries interactions
    - 9.1.1. Review and status of active requests (R-1.1.5)
    - 9.1.2. By-Catch Working Group
  - 9.2. Multi-species approaches to management
    - 9.2.1. Review and status of active requests (R-1.2.1)
  - 9.3. Environmental issues — Updates

## **10. Working Group on Genetics**

### **11. Seals & Walrus Stocks – Status and Advice to the Council**

- 11.1. Bearded seal — Updates
- 11.2. Ringed seal — Updates
- 11.3. Harbour and Grey seals
  - 11.3.1. Recommendations from the Working Group on Genetics
  - 11.3.2. Updates
- 11.4. Harp and Hooded seals
  - 11.4.1. Review and status of active requests (R-2.1.9)
  - 11.4.2. Plans for next WGHARP
  - 11.4.3. Updates
- 11.5. Walrus — Updates

### **12. Cetacean Stocks – Status and Advice to the Council**

- 12.1. Narwhal
  - 12.1.1. Review and status of active requests (R-3.4.15)
  - 12.1.2. Recommendations from the Working Group on Genetics
  - 12.1.3. Plans for Joint NAMMCO-JCNB Working Group
  - 12.1.4. Updates
- 12.2. Beluga
  - 12.2.1. Review and status of active requests (R-3.4.16)
  - 12.2.2. Recommendations from the Working Group on Genetics
  - 12.2.3. Plans for Joint NAMMCO-JCNB Working Group
  - 12.2.4. Updates
- 12.3. Harbour porpoise
  - 12.3.1. Tasks prior to 2026 Working Group meeting
  - 12.3.2. Updates
- 12.4. Dolphins
  - 12.4.1. Review and status of active requests (R-3.9.6)
  - 12.4.2. Recommendations from the Working Group on Genetics
  - 12.4.3. Updates
- 12.5. Pilot whale
  - 12.5.1. Review and status of active requests (R-3.8.6)
  - 12.5.2. Recommendations from the Working Group on Genetics
  - 12.5.3. Plans for Pilot Whale Working Group
  - 12.5.4. Updates
- 12.6. Northern bottlenose whale
  - 12.6.1. Review and status of active requests (R-1.7.11)
  - 12.6.2. SC Review of available information
  - 12.6.3. Updates

- 12.7. Beaked whales — Updates
- 12.8. Blue whale — Updates
- 12.9. Bowhead whale — Updates
- 12.10. Common minke whale — Updates
- 12.11. Fin whale — Updates
- 12.12. Humpback whale — Updates
- 12.13. Killer whale — Updates
- 12.14. Sei whale — Updates
- 12.15. Sperm whale — Updates

### **13. NASS 2024 Post-survey Report**

- 13.1. Survey outcomes and evaluation
- 13.2. Plans for Abundance Estimates Working Group

### **14. Collaborative projects**

- 14.1. MINTAG Project
- 14.2. Cooperation with Japan
  - 14.2.1. Northeast Atlantic–Northwest Pacific Ecosystems
  - 14.2.2. Further collaboration
- 14.3. Other collaborations

### **15. Management Procedures**

- 15.1. Review and status of active requests (R-1.6.8)
- 15.2. Defining Management Units
- 15.3. Stock status summary for managers

### **16. NAMMCO Scientific Publications Update**

### **17. Future Workplans**

### **18. Budget**

- 18.1. Results 2024
- 18.2. Budget 2025–2027

### **19. Any Other Business**

### **20. Review of Report**

### **21. Meeting Close**