



NAMMCO ANNUAL MEETING 32

25-27 March 2025

Fram Centre, Tromsø, Norway

MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

Chair: Hallveig Ólafsdóttir (Iceland)

ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

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<p>1. OPENING PROCEDURES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Welcome address by the Chair 1.2 Admission of observers 1.3 Opening statements 1.4 Adoption of agenda 1.5 Meeting arrangements 1.6 Invited presentation by Vincent Reid, Director of the Barrouallie Whalers Project, St Vincent and the Grenadines: “The history, cultural, social, and subsistence value of whaling in SVG” 1.7 Report from the marine mammal welfare workshop, MMWWS 2025 	<p>NAMMCO/32/01, 02, 03, 17</p>
<p>2. ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORTS</p>	<p>APR REPORTS</p>
<p>3. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) 3.2 Audited accounts 2023 3.3 Anticipated expenses 2025, draft budget 2026 and forecast budget 2027 3.4 Administrative report 2024 3.5 Other business 	<p>NAMMCO/32/04, 05, 06, 07</p>

<p>4. SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE (SC)</p> <p>4.1 Report of the Scientific Committee 4.2 Adoption of priorities and work plan 2025-2027 4.3 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/32/08
<p>5. NORTH ATLANTIC SIGHTINGS SURVEY - NASS 2024</p> <p>5.1 Update on survey and effort 5.2 Planning and timeline for data analysis and review</p>	NAMMCO/32/14
<p>6. MINTAG PROJECT</p> <p>6.1 Report of the MINTAG Steering Group 6.2 Financial update</p>	NAMMCO/32/15
<p>7. COMMITTEE ON HUNTING METHODS (CHM)</p> <p>7.1 Report of the Committee on Hunting Methods 7.2 Adoption of priorities and work plan 2025-2027 7.3 Other business</p>	NAMMCO/32/09
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Annotations

Item 1. Opening Procedures

Item 1.3: Parties, Observer Governments, Representative Indigenous Organisations and, time permitting, IGOs and NGOs will be invited to deliver opening statements. These statements will be made available to the participants on the meeting website when they have been delivered and included in the report of the meeting.

Statements delivered orally should not exceed 3 minutes, but longer statements can be delivered to be made available to the participants on the meeting website and in the report.

Item 1.6: Vincent Reid, Director of the Barrouallie Whalers Project in St Vincent and the Grenadines will enlighten us on the history, cultural, social, and subsistence value of whaling in SVG.

Item 1.7: The marine mammal welfare workshop was held on 24 March, the previous day. The Chair of the WS will report on the background and aim of the WS, the established status of welfare outcomes in marine mammal hunts in 2025, and the WS recommendations on how welfare outcomes can be improved.

Item 2. Annual Progress Reports

Members and Observer Governments and Representative Indigenous Organisations will have the opportunity to briefly highlight conservation and management matters of particular interest to NAMMCO (NAMMCO/32/NPR & APR, as well as NAMMCO Database).

Item 3. Financial and Administrative Issues

Item 3.1: The Council will consider the recommendations of the FAC.

Item 3.2: The audited accounts for 2024 (NAMMCO/32/05), including the result and balance sheets and auditor's report, will be presented for approval of the Council.

Item 3.3: This point will be dealt with on Thursday afternoon. The Council will adopt a budget for 2026 and approve a draft budget for 2027 (NAMMCO/32/06).

Item 3.4: The Administrative Report of the Commission for 2023 (NAMMCO/32/07) will be presented for information. The sections on External Relations and Communication will be presented under agenda items 11 and 12 respectively.

Item 4. Scientific Committee (SC)

Item 4.1: The SC held its annual meeting on 21-24 January 2024. The report of the SC (NAMMCO/32/08) includes an executive summary and the main report.

The SC has convened four working group meetings since its annual meeting in 2024. In accordance with the Rules of Procedure, the reports were published on nammco.org a month after the distribution of the reports to the SC and the Council, and can be accessed [here](#).

- *By-Catch Working Group, May 2024, online*
- *Genetics Working Group, October 2024, Copenhagen (DK)*

- *By-Catch Working Group, October 2024, Hafnarfjörður (IS)*
- *Abundance Estimate Working Group, hybrid, January 2025, Tromsø (NO)*

The Chair of the SC will present a summary of the overall work of the SC. Information and recommendations pertaining to species and eco-system related issues will have been presented in the relevant Management Committees on 25 March 2025.

Item 4.2: The Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Item 5. Noth Atlantic Sightings Survey – NASS 2024

The NASS 2024 Scientific Planning Committee met in a hybrid format in January 2024 (Hafnarfjörður, IS) during the SC meeting and twice online (March and May 2024). It also held a debriefing meeting after the survey (October 2024). The reports and minutes of these meetings can be accessed [here](#). An update (NAMMCO/32/14) on the final preparation of NASS2024 and its realisation and effort achieved will be presented.

Item 6. MINTAG Project

The Secretariat will present the progress report of the MINTAG Steering Group (NAMMCO/32/15), as well as the project's financial update.

Item 7. Committee on Hunting Methods (CHM)

Item 7.1: The Chair of the CHM will present a summary of the Committee's activities since Council 31 (NAMMCO/32/09).

Item 7.2: The Council will decide on the priorities and the work plan for the Committee in 2025-2027.

Item 8. Committee on Inspection and Observation (CIO)

Item 8.1: The Chair of the CIO will present a summary of the Committee's activities since Council 31, including its review of the Observation Scheme and Activities as required by Council 31.

Item 8.3: The Council will decide on the priorities and work plan for the Committee in 2025-2027.

Item 9. Management Committees (MCs)

The MCs held their meetings following the Opening Session on Tuesday.

Information will be presented on the status (proposals forwarded or not) of the recommendations for Conservation and Management and Research to the Parties, that were forwarded to the MCs by the Scientific Committee (NAMMCO/32/12).

MC's Proposals on requests for advice from the SC (NAMMCO/32/13, either proposals for new request or change of status) will be presented for the consideration of the Council.

Item 10. Environmental Questions & Ecosystem Approach to Management

The importance of environmental questions and NAMMCO commitment to progress towards an ecosystem approach to management was reiterated in the Nuuk Declaration (2017). Environmental matters directly related to scientific advice on the conservation and management of marine mammal stocks within the remit of NAMMCO are addressed by the joint meeting of the MCs (MCJ). Other issues of relevance to NAMMCO may be raised under this item.

Item 11. External Relations

The Administrative Report (NAMMCO/32/07) presents an overview of national, intergovernmental meetings, and events where NAMMCO was represented in 2024. It provides observer reports when relevant.

Item 12. Communication and Outreach

Item 12.1 – 12.3: The Secretariat will present an update on communication and outreach activities in 2024 (included in the Administrative Report, NAMMCO/32/07). The update will also include an update on the NAMMCO website and social media, as well as on the visitors' activities on these.

Item 12.4: An update on the project GUARDNA, i.e., the creation of an educational portal on marine mammals and their marine environment that the Secretariat is coordinating with partners from the NAMMCO Countries, will be presented (NAMMCO/32/16).

Item 12.5: An update on Vol 13 of NAMMCO Scientific Publications that was published in 2024 and on volume 14 that will be published in 2025 will be presented.

Item 13. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

Iceland and the Faroe Islands, as Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission respectively, have come to the end of their 2-year term.

Item 14. Any other Business

Members of the Council and participants are asked to inform the Chair as early as possible of any other matters they may wish to raise under this item.

Item 15 Closing Procedures

The next Annual meeting, NAMMCO 33, will be hosted by Greenland. Dates and place should be decided upon.