



## NAMMCO ANNUAL MEETING 32

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### MEETING OF THE COUNCIL

<b>DOCUMENT 12</b>	<b>Management Committees' decisions on SC/31 Recommendations to Parties for Conservation and Management and Research</b>
<b>Submitted by</b>	Management Committee for Cetaceans (MCC), the Management Committee for Seals and Walrus (MCSW) and the Joint meeting of the Management Committees (MCJ)
<b>Action requested</b>	To adopt
<b>Background/content</b>	This document contains: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• New and reiterated proposals for conservation and management forwarded by the Management Committees from SC/31</li><li>• New and reiterated research recommendations to parties forwarded by the Management Committees from SC/31</li></ul>

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# Management Committees' decisions on SC/31 Recommendations to Parties for Conservation and Management and Research

## 1. PROPOSALS FOR CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT FORWARDED TO PARTIES

### All Parties

#### All species

- Facilitate access to marine mammal density estimates or abundances within the NAMMCO area, in a format suited to the type of risk mapping described in BYCWG report.

### Greenland

#### Dolphins

- *(reiterated from SC/30)* Validate the Greenlandic removals with a special focus on minimising underreporting and estimating struck and lost rates, thus facilitating a full assessment of white-beaked dolphins as soon as possible.

#### Killer whale

- Verify all killer whale catches every year to ensure accuracy of reporting.

## 2. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR RESEARCH WITH IMPLICATIONS FOR THE PARTIES OR NAMMCO FORWARDED TO PARTIES

### All Parties

#### Harbour porpoise

- Focus efforts on collecting the necessary data for a full assessment of harbour porpoise stocks in all NAMMCO areas.

### Greenland

#### Ringed seal

- Determine whether there are isolated ringed seal stocks in different fjord systems.

#### Narwhal

- *(reiterated from SC/30)* Collect biological samples when available from narwhals in East Greenland, including areas north of Scoresby Sound, to explore genetic connectivity of different stocks.

### Iceland and Norway

#### Coastal seals

- Improve knowledge on by-catches with data on species, genetics, and age, by collecting jaws from by-caught seals.

## **NAMMCO**

### **WG/WS meetings**

- Hold a discussion or workshop on alternative survey methods for cetaceans, such as drones, acoustics, genetics, and opportunistic surveys.

## **3. RECOMMENDATIONS INVOLVING SHARED STOCKS WITH NON-NAMMCO COUNTRIES**

### **Canada**

#### **Bearded seal**

- Investigate bearded seal movements between West Greenland and Canada to determine if there is a shared stock between the two areas.