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DOCUMENT 13	Management Committees' proposals for New or Modified Requests for Advice from the Scientific Committee
Submitted by	The Management Committee for Cetaceans (MCC), the Management Committee for Seals and Walrus (MCSW) and the Joint meeting of the Management Committees (MCJ)
Action requested	To adopt
Background/content	This document contains: <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

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Management Committees' Proposals to Council regarding Requests for advice from the Scientific Committee

1. NEW REQUESTS FOR ADVICE PROPOSED BY THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEES

Hooded seals

- *R-2.1.12: Investigate whether and to what extent the coastal hooded seal hunt in East Greenland will be affected if the decline in the Greenland Sea and west Atlantic populations continues*

Harbour and grey seals

- *R-2.5.3: To investigate alternatives to traditional crewed aerial and boat-based surveys as methods for estimating coastal seal abundance.*

2. PROPOSAL FOR REFORMULATION OF EXISTING REQUESTS FOR ADVICE

No proposals for amendments to existing requests for advice were put forward by the MCs.

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

The following request regarding multispecies management and modelling approaches was considered **closed** by the Management Committees, as it is the Scientific Committees default understanding that requests relate to all NAMMCO areas unless otherwise specified.

- ***R-1.2.3 (2022, ongoing but not prioritised)*** *In addressing the standing requests on ecosystem modelling and marine mammal fisheries interaction, to extend the focus to include all areas under NAMMCO jurisdiction.*