

32nd MEETING of the SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

19–22 January 2026

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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 Parties
 - 4.1.2 Updates from Observers
 - 4.2 Working group reports
 - 4.3 Other reports and documents
- 5 Updates from Council**
 - 5.1 General comments
 - 5.2 SC Proposals and Recommendations forwarded/not forwarded to Parties
 - 5.3 New Requests to SC
 - 5.4 Endorsed SC workplan
- 6 Multi-species approaches to management and modelling (R-1.2.1)**
- 7 Environmental issues (R-1.5.3)**
- 8 Marine Mammal / Fisheries Interactions**
 - 8.1 Review and status of active requests (R-1.1.5, R-1.1.10)
 - 8.2 By-Catch Working Group
- 9 Monitoring marine mammal stock levels and trends (R-1.7.11)**
 - 9.1 AEWG Reports
 - 9.2 Spatio-temporal modelling Workshop Report
 - 9.3 Plans for Workshop on alternative survey methods for cetaceans
- 10 Seals & Walrus stocks – Status and advice to Council**
 - 10.1 Harp and Hooded seals
 - 10.1.1 Review and status of active requests (R-2.1.4, 2.1.9, 2.1.10, 2.1.12)
 - 10.1.2 WGHARP Report
 - 10.1.3 Updates

- 10.1.4 Plans for abundance modelling WS
- 10.2 Harbour and Grey seals
 - 10.2.1 Review and status of active requests (R-2.4.2, R-2.5.2)
 - 10.2.2 Updates
 - 10.2.3 Plans for CSWG meeting
- 10.3 Bearded seal
 - 10.3.1 Review and status of active requests (R-2.7.1)
 - 10.3.2 Updates
- 10.4 Ringed seal
 - 10.4.1 Review and status of active requests (R-2.3.3)
 - 10.4.2 Updates
- 10.5 Walrus
 - 10.5.1 Updates
 - 10.5.2 Plans for Walrus WG

11 Cetacean stocks – Status and advice to Council

- 11.1 Narwhal and Beluga
 - 11.1.1 Review and status of active requests (R-3.4.11, R-3.4.15, R-3.4.16)
 - 11.1.2 Updates
 - 11.1.3 Plans for JWG meeting
- 11.2 Pilot whale (R-3.8.6)
 - 11.2.1 Review and status of active requests (R-3.8.6)
 - 11.2.2 Genetics WG Report
 - 11.2.3 PWWG Report
 - 11.2.4 Updates
- 11.3 Dolphins
 - 11.3.1 Review and status of active requests (R-3.9.6)
 - 11.3.2 Updates
- 11.4 Harbour porpoise (R-3.10.1)
 - 11.4.1 Updates
 - 11.4.2 Plans for HPWG
- 11.5 Northern bottlenose whale – Updates
- 11.6 Beaked whales – Updates
- 11.7 Blue whale – Updates
- 11.8 Bowhead whale – Updates
- 11.9 Common minke whale
 - 11.9.1 LWA WG Report
 - 11.9.2 Updates
- 11.10 Fin whale
 - 11.10.1 LWA WG Report
 - 11.10.2 Updates
- 11.11 Humpback whale – Updates

- 11.12 Killer whale – Updates
- 11.13 Sei whale – Updates
- 11.14 Sperm whale – Updates

12 NAMMCO Scientific Publications

- 12.1 Volume 14
- 12.2 Editorial Board
- 12.3 Next volumes

13 Work procedures

- 13.1 Categorising abundance estimates
- 13.2 Dealing with stalled requests
- 13.3 RoP amendments

14 Management procedures (R-1.6.8)

- 14.1 Long-term plan for stock assessments
- 14.2 Stock status categorisation system

15 Collaborative projects

- 15.1 MINTAG project
- 15.2 Collaboration with Japan: Northeast Atlantic–Northwest Pacific Ecosystems
- 15.3 Other collaborations

16 Interactions with other organisations

- 16.1 ASCOBANS
- 16.2 Arctic Council, AMAP, PAME
- 16.3 ICES
- 16.4 IWC
- 16.5 FAO

17 NAMMCO Website: Species pages (R-1.8.3)

- 17.1 Finalise pending reviews from SC/31
- 17.2 Review four new pages

18 Future workplans

19 Budget

20 Any other business

21 Review of Report

22 Meeting Close