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1. Opening by the Chair, Robert Fagan (Canada)

The Chair, Robert Fagan (Canada), opened the meeting at 09:04 hours (UTC -3 hours) on Tuesday, 28 April 2026, and welcomed representatives from Canada, Denmark (in respect of Faroe Islands and Greenland), European Union, Japan, Russian Federation, United Kingdom, the United States of America, as well as the Chair of the Commission, and the Chair and vice-Chair of the Scientific Council (Annex 1).

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

The NAFO Secretariat was appointed as rapporteur of this meeting.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted (Annex 2).

4. Development of the Draft Terms of Reference for the third Performance Review of NAFO

The working group Chair opened the discussions on the draft Terms of Reference and thanked participants for their input on the draft since the last meeting. The Chair noted that comments that have been incorporated into the latest draft (COM PR-WP 26-02 (Revised)) were those that provided additional clarification on the intended scope following the direction from the Commission. Some comments received were noted, but considered better suited for potential future, more comprehensive performance reviews. Noting that, the Chair opened the draft Terms of Reference for further input and discussions within the working group. The working group discussed potential revisions to the draft Terms of Reference to further clarify the scope and the procedures outlined. The discussion points on the draft Terms of Reference were noted, and the Chair invited additional written comments to be provided to the NAFO Secretariat on the draft by 12 May 2026. It was agreed that the Chair will work with the Secretariat to incorporate the comments and circulate another draft to participants for review.

5. Other Matters

No other matters were discussed.

6. Date and Time of Next Meeting

It was agreed that the work on developing the draft Terms of Reference for the third Performance Review of NAFO will continue via correspondence. Additional meetings may be schedule as and when required.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 hours (UTC -3 hours) on Tuesday, 28 April 2026.

The report was adopted via correspondence following the end of the meeting.

Annex 1. List of Participants

CHAIR	Fagan, Robert (Canada)
SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL CHAIR	González-Troncoso, Diana (European Union)
SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL VICE-CHAIR	Simpson, Mark (Canada)
COMMISSION CHAIR	Paardekooper, Joost (European Union)
CANADA	Krohn, Martha Marsden, Dale Rowsell, Nicole
DENMARK (IN RESPECT OF FAROE ISLANDS AND GREENLAND)	Nygård Bak, Rebekka
EUROPEAN UNION	Demblon, Jessica Merino Buisac, Adolfo
JAPAN	Iwano, Taisuke Mitome, Haruki
RUSSIAN FEDERATION	Tairov, Temur
UNITED KINGDOM	Gawlyk, Joe
USA	Mencher, Elizabethann Pohl, Katie Wintering, Rebecca
NAFO SECRETARIAT	Benediktsdóttir, Brynhildur Aker, Jana Bell MacCallum, Dayna Goodick, Stan Perreault, Andrea Thompson, Catherine

Annex 2. Agenda

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