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TO: All Contracting Parties;  
Representatives of SC; and  
Representatives of WG-EAFFM.

Dear Colleagues,

**Subject:** Provisional Agenda – *NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach Framework to Fisheries Management (WG-EAFFM)* meeting

Further to NAFO/22-142 of 26 May 2022 and pursuant to Rule 4.1 of the *NAFO Rules of Procedure: Commission*, please find enclosed the provisional agenda for the *NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach Framework to Fisheries Management (WG-EAFFM)* meeting taking place 11–12 August 2022 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

In order to facilitate participants' travel arrangements, please find enclosed general information including hotel accommodations and current requirements when travelling to Canada. In particular, all travelers entering Canada must use [ArriveCAN](#) to provide mandatory travel information before entry into Canada and may have to apply for an [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#) (see below). You will need to submit your information within 72 hours before your arrival to Canada.

For logistical purposes, we would appreciate receiving from Contracting Parties the names of delegates planning to participate in the meeting both in-person and virtually. As social distancing limits the number of people who can physically be in the Secretariat boardroom, receiving confirmation of those delegates planning to attend in-person will allow the Secretariat to determine an appropriate venue for the meeting.

All relevant meeting documentation will be accessible on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint (<https://meetings.nafo.int/wgs/eaffm>) as it becomes available. We kindly ask your assistance in providing this information to the members of your meeting delegation. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Fred Kingston  
Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: Provisional Agenda (01 pgs.); Tentative Timetable (01 pgs.) and General Information (03 pgs.)

*NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach Framework to Fisheries Management (WG-EAFFM) Meeting*

11–12 August 2022  
Halifax, Nova Scotia

**Provisional Agenda**

1. Opening by the co-Chairs, Andrew Kenny (United Kingdom) and Elizabethann Mencher (USA)
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Review of the August 2021 Recommendations (COM-SC Doc. 21-08)
5. Presentation and discussion of Scientific Council responses to Commission requests for advice (COM Doc. 21-20 and SCS Doc. 22-01) relevant to WG-EAFFM
  - a. Commission Request # 3 – Evaluation of the impact of scientific trawl surveys on VME in closed areas and the effect of excluding surveys from these areas on stock assessments.
  - b. Commission Request # 5 – Ecosystem Road Map
    - i. Independent experts review of the NAFO Roadmap Tier 1 and Tier 2.
    - ii. Update on development of models that support implementation of Tier 2
  - c. Commission Request # 6 – VME analysis
    - i. Bottom closures 7a, 11a, 14a, 14b
    - ii. Scientific Council review of the effectiveness of NAFO CEM, Chapter 2
  - d. Commission Request # 12 – potential impact of activities other than fishing in the Convention Area.
  - e. Commission Request # 13 – 3M and 3LNO Ecosystem Summary Sheets
6. Outcomes of the WG-EAFFM Workshop (08–10 August 2022)
7. Update on proposed sub-group considering NAFO OECMs (Other Effective area-based Conservation Measures)
8. Other Matters
  - a. Update on the possible renewal of the ABNJ Deep-Seas Fisheries Project
  - b. Other International Relations
9. Recommendations
10. Adoption of the Report
11. Adjournment

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**Tentative Timetable\***

<b>Thursday, 11 August 2022</b>	
09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 12:30	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – (as decided)	Meeting
<b>Friday, 12 August 2022</b>	
09:30 – 12:30	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch Break
14:00 – (as decided)	Meeting

*\*times subject to change at decision of meeting*

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**General Information**

**Location**

The meeting will be held in downtown Halifax in Nova Scotia, Canada.

**WebEx**

For those Contracting Parties that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, WebEx capabilities will be provided.

The Secretariat staff will be available for technical support during the meeting. “*Breakout rooms*” will be available for smaller group meetings and/or bilateral consultations, as required.

**Hotel Accommodations**

In close vicinity to the NAFO Headquarters:

Courtyard by Marriott Halifax Downtown

5120 Salter St., Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-428-1900

The Hollis Halifax - a DoubleTree Suites

1649 Hollis St, Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-429-7233

Residence Inn by Marriott Halifax Downtown

1599 Grafton St., Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-422-0493

The Sutton Place Hotel Halifax

1700 Grafton St., Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-932-7548

Muir, Autograph Collection

1709 Lower Water St., Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-407-6847

Hampton Inn & Homewood Suites by Hilton

1960 Brunswick Street, Halifax, NS  
Ph: (Hampton Inn) +1 902-422-1391  
Ph: (Homewood Suites) +1 902-429-6620

Four Points by Sheraton Halifax

1496 Hollis St., Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-423-4444

Halifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel

1919 Upper Water St., Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-421-1700

The Prince George Hotel Halifax

1725 Market St., Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 800-565-1567

Cambridge Suite Hotel Halifax

1583 Brunswick St., Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-420-0555

The Barrington Hotel

1875 Barrington St, Halifax, NS  
Ph: +1 902-429-7410

Hotel reservations are to be made by participants directly with the hotel.

**Transportation**

Taxi service provided by:

Casino Taxi

Ph: +1 902-425-6666 or +1 902-429-6666

[www.casinotaxi.ca](http://www.casinotaxi.ca)

Yellow Cab

Ph: +1 902-420-0000

[www.yellowcabhalifax.ca](http://www.yellowcabhalifax.ca)

**Public Transportation**

Halifax Transit is Halifax's public bus and ferry service provider. For current schedules and fares, visit [Halifax Transit](#).

Tips on travelling to and from the airport:

- It takes about 30-40 minutes to get from the airport to downtown Halifax.
- Take the Metro Regional Express Bus (route #320) for just \$4.25 CAD (exact change or a \$5 bill).
- Head to the lower level of the airport to rent a car. You'll need \$1.25 CAD for the bridge toll (exact change) if you're heading to Halifax via Dartmouth.
- Take a taxi or limo right from the airport to downtown Halifax for \$55.00-\$65.00 CAD.
- Uber is now available in Halifax.
- You can find more information on transportation from the Halifax Airport [here](#).

**Dining Options**

Downtown Halifax is the urban core of the region, complete with hundreds of food options within walking distance. Check out the [Official Halifax Visitor Guide](#) for ideas and more information.

**Tourist information**

For additional tourist information, visit [www.discoverhalifaxns.com](http://www.discoverhalifaxns.com)

## Travel to Canada: Testing and Borders

### COVID-19

**Please go to the link below and read prior to travelling to Canada for up-to-date and complete information:**

[Travel to Canada: Requirements for COVID-19 vaccinated travellers](#)

To enter Canada as a foreign national you must:

- have received your second dose at least 14 calendar days before you enter Canada
- have no signs or symptoms of COVID-19
- Upload proof of vaccination in [ArriveCAN](#)
  - complete your ArriveCAN submission and have ArriveCAN receipt with letter I, V, or A beside your name
  - complete arrival test if selected
- Starting 01 April 2022, pre-entry tests are no longer required for fully vaccinated travellers entering Canada by land, air or water. You must still use ArriveCAN within 72 hours before your arrival to Canada.

### Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

- Most travellers need a visa or an [Electronic Travel Authorization \(eTA\)](#) to fly to, or transit through, a Canadian airport. The eTA can be completed online and costs CAD \$7.00. You can find more information about applying for an eTA [here](#).