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TO: All Contracting Parties; Chairs of the Commission; and Chairs of the Scientific Council

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Meeting Dates – NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) Meeting, 18–20 April 2023 in Halifax, Nova Scotia

Further to NAFO/23-014 of 18 January 2023, in which we asked for reaction to the proposed meeting dates of the above-mentioned meeting, no concerns were received from NAFO Contracting Parties.

We wish to confirm that the NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) Meeting will be held 18–20 April 2023 at the NAFO Secretariat (Summit Place, 1601 Lower Water Street, Suite 401) in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada. For those Contracting Parties that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, Webex capabilities will be provided.

To facilitate participants' travel arrangements, please find enclosed general information including hotel accommodations and current requirements when travelling to Canada.

All relevant meeting documentation will be accessible on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint at https://meetings.nafo.int/wgs/rbms 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.

Yours sincerely,

Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: General Information and Travel to Canada: Testing and Borders (02 pgs.)

NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) Meeting

18-20 April 2023 Halifax, Nova Scotia

General Information

NAFO Secretariat

The meeting will be held at the NAFO Secretariat, which is located in downtown Halifax:

Summit Place 1601 Lower Water Street, Suite 401 Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada https://www.nafo.int/

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 DowntownFour Points by Sheraton Halifax5120 Salter St., Halifax, NS1496 Hollis St., Halifax, NSPh: +1 902-428-1900Ph: +1 902-423-4444

The Hollis Halifax - a DoubleTree SuitesHalifax Marriott Harbourfront Hotel1649 Hollis St, Halifax, NS1919 Upper Water St., Halifax, NSPh: +1 902-429-7233Ph: +1 902-421-1700

Residence Inn by Marriott Halifax Downtown
1599 Grafton St., Halifax, NS
Ph: +1 902-422-0493

The Prince George Hotel Halifax
1725 Market St., Halifax, NS
Ph: +1 800-565-1567

The Sutton Place Hotel HalifaxCambridge Suite Hotel Halifax1700 Grafton St., Halifax, NS1583 Brunswick St., Halifax, NSPh: +1 902-932-7548Ph: +1 902-420-0555

Muir, Autograph CollectionThe Barrington Hotel1709 Lower Water St., Halifax, NS1875 Barrington St, Halifax, NSPh: +1 902-407-6847Ph: +1 902-429-7410

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

Transportation

Taxi service provided by:

Casino Taxi Yellow Cab

Ph: +1 902-425-6666 or +1 902-429-6666 Ph: +1 902-420-0000 www.casinotaxi.ca www.yellowcabhalifax.ca

Public Transportation

Halifax Transit is Halifax's public bus and ferry service provider. For current schedules and fares, visit <u>Halifax Transit</u>.

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 <u>Official Halifax Visitor Guide</u> for ideas and more information.

Tourist information

For additional tourist information, visit www.discoverhalifaxns.com

Travel to Canada: Testing and Borders

COVID-19

All federal border testing, quarantine, and isolation to enter Canada requirements ended on October 1, 2022. Be sure to visit the <u>COVID-19: Travel, testing and borders website</u>, to ensure you have the most up to date information.

Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

Most travellers need a visa or an <u>Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)</u> 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.