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

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Provisional Agenda – *NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) Meeting, 17–20 July 2023 in Edinburgh, United Kingdom*

Further to NAFO/23-109 of 17 April 2023 and pursuant to Rule 4.2 of the *NAFO Rules of Procedure: Commission*, please find enclosed the provisional agenda for the *NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) Meeting* taking place 17–20 July 2023 in Edinburgh, United Kingdom.

This meeting is being held back-to-back with the *NAFO Joint Commission–Scientific Council Working Group on Ecosystem Approach Framework to Fisheries Management (WG-EAFFM) Meeting*. For those Contracting Parties that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, Webex capabilities will be provided.

All relevant meeting documentation will be accessible on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint at <https://meetings.nafo.int/wgs/rbms> as it becomes available.

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. 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: Provisional Agenda (03 pgs.) and Tentative Timetable (01 pgs.)

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

17–20 July 2023
Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Provisional Agenda

- 1. Opening by co-Chairs, Fernando Gonzalez-Costas (European Union) and Ray Walsh (Canada)**
- 2. Appointment of Rapporteurs**
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**
- 4. Application of the 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut Management Strategy**

The Scientific Council (SC), at its June 2023 meeting, will monitor the status of Greenland halibut in Subarea 2 + Div. 3KLMNO and compute the TAC using the agreed Harvest Control Rule (HCR). SC has already determined that exceptional circumstances will be occurring, and will provide guidance in accordance with NAFO CEM Annex I.G.

- 5. Progress on the MSE process for 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut**

Progress on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process for 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut, including updates on the Operating Models (OMs), the Candidate Management Procedures (CMPs), the performance statistics, and the harvest control rule (HCR) will be discussed under this agenda item.

- 6. Progress on the MSE process for 3LN redfish**

Progress on the Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process for redfish in Div. 3LN, including updates on the Operating Models (OMs), the Candidate Management Procedures (CMPs), the performance statistics, and the harvest control rule (HCR) will be discussed under this agenda item.

- 7. Next steps in the MSE processes**

The WG-RBMS will discuss the next steps of the MSE processes under this agenda item.

- 8. Precautionary Approach Review progress**

- a. Update from the Scientific Council and Discussion**

As per the Revised Workplan of the NAFO PAF Revision ([COM-SC Doc. 22-03, Annex 5](#)), the Scientific Council, at its June 2023 meeting, will develop a small set of revised PA frameworks based on the conclusions of the first PA Framework workshop, and apply them to selected NAFO stocks to inform the discussions at the July 2023 WG-RBMS meeting.

b. Development of provisional draft framework

As per the Revised Workplan of the NAFO PAF Revision (COM-SC RBMS-WP 22-06), at the July 2023 meeting, WG-RBMS is to draft a revised framework and forward the provisional draft to the Commission at the 2023 Annual Meeting for endorsement in advance of simulation testing.

9. Review of the Terms of Reference for WG-RBMS

During the discussions at the April 2023 WG-RBMS meeting, it was noted that the Terms of Reference of the working group ([FC Doc. 13-18](#)) may need to be reviewed to refine how information flows between the working group and the Scientific Council.

10. Other Business

Any topics not covered by the agenda items above may be discussed under this agenda item.

11. Recommendations**12. Adoption of report****13. Adjournment**

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Tentative Timetable*

Monday, 17 July	
08:30 – 09:00 hrs	Registration
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00 – 17:00 hrs	Meeting
Tuesday, 18 July	
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00 – 17:00 hrs	Meeting
Wednesday, 19 July	
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting
12:30 – 14:00 hrs	Lunch Break
14:00 – 17:00 hrs	Meeting
Thursday, 20 July	
09:00 – 12:30 hrs	Meeting (Closing)

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