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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, 14–16 July 2025 in Tallinn, Estonia*

Further to NAFO/25-102 of 14 April 2025, 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 Ecosystem Approach Framework to Fisheries Management (WG-EAFFM) Meeting* taking place from 14–16 July 2025 at the Joint Building of Ministries (Suur-Ameerika 1) in Tallinn, Estonia.

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

As adopted at the 2023 Annual Meeting of NAFO (COM Doc. 23-28), the guidelines for the classification of working documents reads “*The Contracting Party submitting a Working Paper is responsible to designate that Working Paper as “open access” and made available to the general public on the NAFO website prior to the meeting. If the Contracting Party does not make such a designation, then it will not be made available to the general public on the NAFO website prior to the meeting.*”

For those Contracting Party representatives that are unable to attend the meeting in-person, hybrid capabilities will be provided. For logistical purposes, we would appreciate receiving from Contracting Parties the names of delegates planning to participate in the meeting both in-person and/or 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,

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Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: Provisional Agenda (01 pgs.)

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

14–16 July 2025
Tallinn, Estonia

Provisional Agenda

1. Opening by the co-Chairs, Mar Sacau Cuadrado (European Union) and Elizabethann Mencher (United States of America)
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Presentation of Scientific Council responses to Commission requests for advice (COM Doc. 24-18) relevant to WG-EAFFM
5. VME and SAI Assessments
 - a. Update on the centralized data repository (COM Request 6.a)
 - b. Update on reassessment of VMEs and impact of bottom fisheries on VMEs for 2027 (COM Request 6.b)
6. Ecosystem Roadmap (COM Request 5)
7. Development of operational objectives for the protection of VMEs and biodiversity in the NRA
8. Other Effective Area-based Conservation Measures (OECMs) (COM Request 6.c)
9. Bycatch
 - a. BDS Action Plan
 - b. Greenland Shark Bycatch
10. Other Business
11. Recommendations
12. Adoption of the Report
13. Adjournment