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TO: All Contracting Parties;
Chairs of the Commission;
Chairs of the Scientific Council;
Representatives of WG-RBMS

Dear Colleagues,

Subject: Provisional Agenda – *NAFO Joint Commission-Scientific Council Working Group on Risk-Based Management Strategies (WG-RBMS) Meeting, 09 April 2026 via Webex*

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 Thursday, 09 April 2026 via Webex.

All relevant meeting documentation will be accessible on the NAFO Meetings SharePoint at <https://nafoportal.sharepoint.com/sites/meetings-wg-rbms> as it becomes available.

Please note, the NAFO Meetings SharePoint was updated in December 2025, and new login credentials are required. As each Contracting Party registers its delegates, participants will receive a system-generated email from Microsoft containing their personalized access link and instructions for logging in to the new platform.

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 logistical purposes, we would appreciate receiving from Contracting Parties the names of delegates planning to participate in the virtual meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Brynhildur Benediktsdóttir
Executive Secretary

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Enclosed: Provisional Agenda (01 pgs.)

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

09 April 2026
09:00 to 12:00 hours (UTC -3 hours, Time in Halifax)
via Webex

Provisional Agenda

1. Opening by co-Chairs, [SC co-Chair TBD] and Ray Walsh (Canada)
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda
4. Precautionary Approach Framework
 - a. Stocks with expected updated reference points for May 2026
 - b. Guidance to the Scientific Council for providing advice under the revised PAF ([COM Doc. 25-16](#)) when projections are not possible
5. 2+3KLMNO Greenland halibut MSE exceptional circumstances
6. Progress on the MSE process for 3LN redfish
7. Initial discussions on Commission Request 11 ([COM Doc. 25-13](#)) relating to 3LNO shrimp
 - a. Canadian MSE
 - b. Commission Request #11
8. Marine Stewardship Council Requirements Under its Standard 3.0
9. Other Business
10. Recommendations
11. Adoption of report
12. Adjournment