



27 June 2025

**NMTT Board Meeting II
at Gemba Headquarters
Venlighedsvej 6, 2970 Hørsholm
Denmark
and online (zoom)
12 May 2025, 14.00-15.30 (CET)**

Present: The NMTT Chair Dorothy Dankel, Vice-chair Carl-Christian Schmidt, Staffan Waldo, Jens Møller, Johan Williams, Hildur Hauksdóttir (zoom). Apologize from Jesper Heldbo and Marita Rasmussen. From the NMTT Secretariat Lars Clink and Sonja Feldthaus (zoom).'

Agenda

1. Welcome
The chair welcomed everybody and thank Jens for hosting the Board meeting as well as the Strategy meeting earlier in the day.
2. Adoption of the agenda
The agenda was adopted as circulated.
3. Approval of Minutes, Board meeting 26 February 2025
The Minutes from Board meeting was adopted.
4. Table round
Hildur: A lot of policy issues in respect of fisheries are on the Icelandic Governments agenda. Huge taxes are being imposed on the fishing sector. This pushes vessels to fuel on the Faroe Island. Chancing of fishing opportunities to coastal areas is an additional initiative. The political climate for the fishing sector is not favorable for the time being.
Johan. Pelagic stocks are overfished. Cod quotas are almost exhausted. Quotas for groundfish might increase in a few years. The market for fish is very favorable price wise. Management in the Barents Sea is not affected by the ongoing war. Dorothy. The UN Ocean conference will take place in Nice in June which Dorothy will attend. France has been active in the preparation of the conference. Dorothy has been involved in different analysis on ocean wind energy. 20 September is deadline for signing treaty concerning UN. Dorothy will give Keynote speech for the EU in Finland in June.

Staffan. In SW there will be changes in legislation of unemployment benefits for fishermen to allow for unemployment benefits due to bad weather.

Jens. Participated in the Seafood exhibition in Barcelona. 30.000 people visited. Mentioned meeting in Ilulissat in September on shrimp. The project on behalf of the Danish Pelagic sector on electricity is now closed. Dorothy informed that she has been asked by the UK to write a paper on fishing activities in wind mill parks.

5. NMTT Policy Brief for 2025

The following was agreed: Dorothy and Johan has a draft about the pelagic stocks January which will be updated for presentation at later stage. To improve awareness of NMTT activities it was suggested to issue an annual publication summarizing the NMTT activities. *Jeg har bare noteret at Dorothy mente der var brug for en årlig publikation fra NMTT*

6. Status for finalization of reports etc. from the third workshop - Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture, Helsingborg January 2025

The report from the workshop has been published and can be found on the NMTT website. The final formal report should be finalized within two months and must be signed by Dorothy and Carl-Christian before formal submission. The financial part of the workshop is closed. It was noted that Eurofish has written a very positive review of the workshop published in its magazine.

7. New ideas for NMTT project/workshops.

It was noted that the Nordic Council of Minister (NCM) did not approve the proposed project on the fourth workshop - Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture as submitted by NMTT. New initiatives such as an internship model and an Arctic workshop were mentioned. Deadline for application to NMC for financing of new projects is 3 October 2025. NMTT should try to formulate projects which could be relevant for consideration. Taxation of the fishing sector, climate change and Arctic aspects could be relevant elements to address.

It was decided that Johan drafts a concept note focusing on management of fisheries resources in the context of Arctic and sends the draft to Carl-Christian no later than 20 August allowing to submit a proposal to NMC before 3 October 2025. If approved, the workshop could take place in 2026 or 2027.

8. Strategy paper on the future functioning of the NMTT

Prior to this Board meeting a fruitful and constructive discussion of the revised draft on the future strategy for the NMTT took place. Staffan volunteered to draft a third version of the strategy paper reflecting the ideas discussed such as possible internship. Johan will finalize his paper

on arctic stocks - "Troubled water" -paper.

9. Financial status, including approval of the 2025 budget and the accounts for 2024

The Board adopted the financial report for 2024 including an explanatory text to be attached to the report. Lars informed that all members including the secretariat should sign the 2024 report. Lars has sent a form to be used for this. The signed form should be returned to Lars.

Dorothy reminded of the amendments to the statute as approved at the NMTT General Assembly in December 2024. The statute will be updated accordingly.

10. Membership payment

Last month a letter reminding to pay membership fee for 2025 was sent out to all members. So far 15 members have paid their fee for 2025. Four members are reminded of missing payment for 2024 and informed that the Board will discuss their continued membership if not settled soon.

Currently 27 persons are registered as members. No organizations are members for the time being. Lars will prepare a letter which could be sent out encouraging them to join the NMTT.

11. Any other business

Suggested to approach fisheries organization and relevant fishing industries encouraging them to become members of the NMTT.