



16 February 2026

Minutes of NMTT Board meeting I
Wednesday 28 January 2026
18.00 hours CET, Elite Hotel Marina Plaza, Helsingborg

Present: The NMTT Chair Dorothy Dankel, Vice-chair Carl-Christian Schmidt, Staffan Waldo, Jens Henrik Møller, Hildur Hauksdóttir, Johan Williams.

Not present: Marita Rasmussen and Jesper Heldbo. **From the NMTT Secretariat** Lars Clink, Alma Sommer and Sonja Feldthaus

1. **Welcome**

The Chair welcomed everybody.

2. **Adaption of the agenda**

The agenda was adopted as circulated.

3. **Approval of Minutes from 1 December 2025**

The Minutes from the NMTT Board meeting on 1 December 2025 was approved.

4. **The fourth Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture**

The workshop taking place on 29 January 2026 in Helsingborg is well prepared. All invited speakers have confirmed their participation and all practical arrangements are in place. The Chair will open the meeting and she will contact Katrine Kærgaard, GR, prior to meeting to coordinate the opening remarks. Around 37 people have signed up for seminar.

5. **Budget for the fourth Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture, and draft budget for 2026**

Budget for the fourth Forum. NMTT has not obtained external financing to hold the fourth Forum. Estimated budget for the Forum meeting is DKK 177.000 and includes cost for internship of Alma Sommer. Additional cost is foreseen for rent of meetings rooms etc. Travel cost estimated to DKK 3.000 per person including lunch.

The 2026 budget contains the budget for the Forum meeting – a deficit of 199.500 and budget for internship for six months. Need to include a budget line for the internship for additional six months to reflect the arrangement with GEMBA.

Balance stands at DKK 430.000. Budget approved.

- 6. Possible application for project to Nordic Council of Ministers**
NMTT has worked on formulation of a project proposal concerning spatial planning in oceans – wind power and fisheries. Deadline for application for funding by the Nordic Ministers Council (NMC) is 9 February 2026. It was agreed to formulate a project which should lead to another and more comprehensive modelling project covering Skagerrak/Kattegat and the Baltic Sea. It was decided that Dorothy drafts a project proposal to be submitted to NMC before 9 February. Following the decision of NMC whether to support the project or not – possibly in March/April - the NMTT will continue to explore and formulate a comprehensive modelling project as a follow up to the Bergen workshop in 2023. Limited budget is expected to be available from NMC, if approved. Continuation of the third forum project addressing modelling will need a lot of work to be done and most likely need involvement from people with experience in data modelling and contributions reflecting the situation in the different Nordic countries.
Max Nielsen should be kept in the loop.
- 7. Possible ICES welcomes proposals for symposium co-sponsorship.**
NMTT cooperation with ICES was recognized as being of great value as ICES stands for scientific quality. NMTT will continue to have close contact to ICES and when possible, cooperate on projects and workshops. A recent project proposal from ICES seems not to be relevant for NMTT engage in at this stage.
- 8. Prolongation of internship for Alma Sommer**
Financial wise covered under item 6. Alma will continue working on new projects and seek external financing for new initiatives. NMTT would much appreciate to establish a closer cooperation with Greenland.
- 9. Pelagic workshop on Svalbard**
In previous NMTT meetings the possibility to participate and/or organize a workshop on pelagic fisheries has been addressed. After the Faroe Island has changed its agenda for the Nordic Council meeting in June 2026, NMTT will not assist in the preparation and will not give a presentation on the pelagic complex. It was recognized that the pelagic complex is still of great importance as management measures for this fishery are almost non existing. It could be relevant for NMTT to organize a workshop on this topic. In this respect a workshop on Svalbard in the summer 2026 has been mentioned - also with a view to finding ways to improve Nordic cooperation
- 10. Comments on the two NMTT strategy paper as circulated and attached**
Some amendments to the copies circulated earlier have been inserted in a

new version. The external version will be handed out at the workshop and also circulated by email.

11. AOB

All non-members who had signed up for the workshop are now members of the NMTT in 2026. The Chair will in her closing remarks at the workshop remind the participants of their membership for 2026 and encourage them to continue their membership in future years.