



NMTT Board

Board meeting Friday 10 June 2022

Minutes

Present: The NMTT Chair Dorothy Dankel, Vice-chair Carl-Christian Schmidt and Board members Ásmundur Guðjónsson, Bryndís Björnsdóttir, Jesper Heldbo, Johan Williams, Staffan Waldo and NMTT Secretariat Odma Johannesen and Lars Clink.

1. Welcome and Minutes of the Board meeting 10th March 2021

The Chair welcomed everybody and noted that there were no comments to the Minutes of the last Board meeting 10 March 2022.

2. Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture

The Board agreed that, in general, the climate change discussion was coming higher on the agenda world wide. A follow up of the NMTT Climate Change Forum in Elsinore in December 2021 would be appropriate and relevant.

The Board appreciated the proposals from Ulrik Jes Hansen. The NMTT will take his proposals into account in the future NMTT work which could, perhaps, be a workshop.

The Board noted that there has been some changes of the organization of the funding of project proposals in the Nordic Council of Ministers and in the EU as well. They also noted changes in the application procedures. The NMTT has to adapt its future proposals to these changes including the timing. The vice chair will contact the Nordic Council of Ministers in order to understand the new organization and its procedures.

Iceland will hold the chairmanship in the Nordic Council of Ministers in 2023 and Bryndis will ensure that they are aware of the NMTT's work plan.

The NMTT follow up Forum 2 in Bergen should supplement the plans of the Icelandic chairmanship.

The Board is aware of the many organizations that discuss ocean issues, including those in the Nordic countries. The NMTT should contact these organization to develop and improve facts and thus qualify their and our positions. The NMTT should also contact EU (DG Mare) and invite them to the NMTT Bergen meeting.

There is a need for a reduction of energy use in fisheries by a.o. through improving and streamlining fishing vessels and to find alternative energy to oil. In this respect there will be a need for further data and information on new and improved fishing gear and the effect on the ocean climate and fish stocks.

The Board will discuss this and if possible take a position on further steps in September 2022.

3. Financial status and approval of accounts for 2021

- Financial accounts 2021 from the auditor.

Lars informed of the the financial status. The Nordic Council had now paid the balance on the two outstanding projects, The Fisher Pay project and the Climate Forum meeting in Elsinore. Hence, both projects are now financially closed and the surplus can be transferred onto the 2022 accounts. The NMTT net resources will increase to more than 500.000 DKK. The financial status will be sent out with the minutes of the board meeting. (This is included with the minutes, see below. There is a difference in the balance because the NMR paid us 50 DKK too much. A small mistake which we will probably just ignore).

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The members of the NMTT Board thanked for the information and approved the accounts for 2021.

The Board members would like to know if any Nordic countries have funds that could finance NMTT projects and asked Board Members to verify the situation.

4. Any other business, including The Artic, Aquaculture and Crew Payment

It was mentioned that the fishermen in the Nordic countries seemed to be well off due to the payment system in the fishing fleet in the Nordic countries.