



Copenhagen, 19 December 2025

Minutes

Nordic Marine Think Tank, NMTT Board Meeting IV Monday 1 December 2025

Present: The NMTT Chair Dorothy Dankel, Vice-chair Carl-Christian Schmidt, Staffan Waldo, Jens Henrik Møller, Hildur Hauksdóttir, Johan Williams, Marita Rasmussen and Jesper Heldbo. From the NMTT Secretariat Lars Clink, Alma Sommer and Sonja Feldthaus.

1. Welcome

Dorothy welcomed everybody to the fourth Board meeting in 2025.

2. Adaption of agenda

The agenda was approved as circuletd.

3. Approval of minutes from 2 September 2025

The Minutes from the Board meeting on 2 September 2025 was approved.

4. Constitution of NMTT Board for 2026

Dorothy Dankel was re-elected as Chair and Carl-Christian Schmidt was re-elected as Vice-chair. Lars Clink and Sonja Feldthaus were re-elected for one more year to carry out secretarial duties.

5. Table round

Alma Sommer informed about the work on updating information about the board to be published on the NMTT home page. Pictures of Board members along with email addresses, phone numbers and linked in addresses will be included. New pictures will be taken in Helsingborg in January 2026.

6. Project application.

The Nordic Council of Ministers did not approve the application on social acceptability of aquaculture submitted in October 2025. However, NMTT has decided to host the fourth Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture to be held in Helsingborg on 29 January 2026 supported by funds the NMTT currently holds. The planning of the workshop is progressing well. Contact to speakers is in progress. It was underlined that both gender composition and broad representation from the different Nordic countries should be observed. Board members were encouraged to send in names of possible speakers to Alma and Jens no later than Friday 5 December by noon. The number of speakers for each session should be limited to three persons. NMTT will pay for one night accommodation and travel expenses for the speakers if needed. Speakers will be invited for dinner with the Board members on 28 January 2026.

With respect to registration fee for attending the workshop, it was decided that non members should pay DKK 450, and provided they want to become members of the NMTT, 100 DKK of this amount will then cover membership fee for 2026. The fee for members will be DKK 350.

Board members who need reimbursement for travel and accomodation for participating should in advance and as soon as possible send an email to Dorothy Dankel asking her to approve travel costs.

7. Internship.

Lars Clink informed that a contract between Gemba and NMTT assigning Alma Sommer to help the secretariat for a period of three months – November, December 2025 and January 2026 has been signed. Alma Sommer informed about the work on updating information about the board to be added to the NMTT homepage. Pictures of Board members along with email addresses, phone numbers and linked in addresses will be included. New pictures will be taken in Helsingborg in January.

8. Non paying members

Lars Clink informed that four members have not paid their membership fee for the last four years. Sten Sverdrup will remain on the list as honorary member while the other three persons will be informed by mail that they will no longer be on the membership list.

9. Financial status

The financial status was presented at the General Assembly meeting and no further information is needed.

10. Dates for NMTT Board meetings 2026

The following dates for Board meetings in 2026 were agreed:

28 January 2026, Q1, CET 18.00 in Helsingborg,

27 April 2026, Q2: CET 14.00- 15:30, Zoom. Presentation/discussion: Are we ready to be wrong? Paper by Kim & Dankel 2025

<https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0016328724002039>

7 September 2026, Q3: CET 1400-15:30. Presentation by Marita Rasmussen

1 December 2026, Q4:CET 14:00-15:30 . Presentation by Hildur Hauksdóttir

1 December 2026, General Assembly 2026, CET 13:00-14.00.

11. Any other business

Lars Clink mentioned the need to look into the rules in the Statute concerning the numbers of members needed to be present for adoptions of proposals presented for voting at the General Assembly and in particular at an extraordinary assembly.