



2 January 2024

## Report

### 11<sup>th</sup> Ordinary General Assembly of the Nordic Marine Think Tank Thursday 30 November 2023, Bergen, Norway

#### Agenda for the General Assembly

1. Election of moderator and rapporteur
2. Adoption of the agenda and possible mandates
3. The annual report from the Chair
4. Presentation of annual accounts for adoption (attached as from the auditor)
5. Presentation of the Board's work plan concerning activities planned for the upcoming year. Under this point the Vice Chair will present plans for a possible third Climate Forum.
6. Presentation of the Board's proposed budget for the coming financial year, including the level of the membership fees, for adoption (the budget attached)
7. Proposals submitted
8. Election of the Board and auditor
9. Any other business

#### **Present**

The NMTT Chair, Dorothy Dankel, NMMT Secretariat Lars Clink and Sonja Feldthaus. Vice Chair Carl-Christian Schmidt, Staffan Waldo, Mats Svensson, Hildur Hauksdóttir participated online via zoom.

## **1. Election of moderator and rapporteur**

The Chair welcomed the participants to the meeting and suggested Carl-Christian Schmidt as Chair for the meeting. Sonja Feldthaus was elected rapporteur.

## **2. Adoption of the agenda and possible mandates**

The agenda was adopted as circulated. Dorothy Dankel and Lars Clink had received power of attorney from Odma Johannesen, Ásmundur Guðjónsson, Søren Anker Pedersen and Jessica Leyla Fuller to vote on their behalf.

## **3. Annual Report from the Chair**

The Chair summarized the the main activities and mentioned the valuable cooperation with ICES in general as well as in preparation of workshops etc. The NMMT's workshops in the context of Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture have been well received which not least the workshop on off shore wind planning and the workshop in Elsinor last year clearly demonstrate.

## **4. Presentation of annual accounts for adoption**

Lars Clink presented the 2023 audited accounts as circulated. The accounts were adopted unanimously by the General Assembly.

The auditor has ensured that the accounts were in conformity with legislation and normal standards.

## **5. Presentation of the Board's work plan concerning activities planned for the upcoming year**

The Vice Chair presented the idea for a third NMMT workshop with focus on Consumers in the context of Climate Changes in Fisheries and Aquaculture in terms of consumer driven demand and by means of more appropriate labelling of fish products. More detailed work is needed before submitting the proposal for approval to The Nordic Council of Ministers, preferable before end of February 2024. If approved, the third workshop could be envisaged for autumn 2024. Also, further cooperation with OECD Ocean Work could be relevant for NMMT in this field. Initiatives to ensure momentum on offshore wind planning as addressed in the Workshop on 30 November 2023 should be continued.

## **6. Presentation of the Board's proposed budget for the coming financial year, including the level of the membership fees, for adoption**

Lars Clink mentioned that the results for 2023 will be known when receiving invoices for spendings occurring from the most recent workshop. The budget was approved. The General Assembly agreed to set the 2024 Annual Membership fee in the amount of DKK 100.

The Chair thanked Lars Clink for his presentation.

**7. Proposals submitted**

No proposals were submitted prior to the General Assembly Meeting.

**8. Election of the Board and auditor**

Four members of the board were up for election. Odma Johannesen (FO) and Ásmundur Guðjónsson (FO) had declined to seek re-election and were replaced by Jens Henrik Møller (DK) and Marita Rasmussen (FO). Dorothy Dankel (Chair) (NO) and Staffan Waldo (SE) were reelected.

Carl-Christian Schmidt (DK), Jesper Heldbo (DK), Johan Williams (NO) and Hildur Hauksdóttir (IS) were elected in 2022 and remain on the board in 2024.

As auditor, The General Assembly 2023 re-elected Birgitte Gawron from Albjerg Revision, Brøndby Denmark.

**9. Any other business**

The Vice Chair noted with satisfaction that the meeting earlier in the day both with respect to high quality presentations and as well as the overall organisation was conducted and concluded successfully.

The Vice Chair also mentioned his participation in an OECD workshop on fishery and climate and used this opportunity to refer to the important work of the NMMT in the same field. FAO has approached the Vice Chair to engage in reviews of certain projects. The Vice Chair underlined the importance of continuously dissemination of information of NMMT activities.

The Chair concluded the meeting by thanking the participants and for the work done during 2023.

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The NMTT Board 2024

The General Assembly 2023 elected:

- Dorothy Dankel (Chair) (NO)
- Jens Henrik Møller (DK)
- Marita Rasmussen (FO).)
- Staffan Waldo (SE)

and the General Assembly in 2022 elected:

- Carl-Christian Schmidt (DK)
- Jesper Helbo (DK)
- Johan Williams (NO)
- Hildur Hauksdóttir (IS)

The General Assembly 2023 re-elected as auditor:

Birgitte Gawron from Albjerg Revision, Brøndby Denmark.