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Nordic Marine Think Tank, NMTT, Board Meeting (zoom) Friday 12 January 2024

Present: The NMTT Chair Dorothy Dankel, Vice-chair Carl-Christian Schmidt and Board members Staffan Waldo, Jens Møller, Hildur Hauksdóttir, Johan Williams (partly). Marita Rasmussen and Jesper Heldbo were not able to attend. From the NMTT Secretariat Lars Clink and Sonja Feldthaus attended.

1. Introduction

The agenda was adopted.

The Chair welcomed everybody and thanked the new Board members for their willingness to work with NMTT. All present presented themselves.

2. Introduction from Marita Rasmussen (new Board member)

As Marita was not able to be present, her formal introduction was referred to the next Board meeting.

3. Introduction from Jens Møller (new Board member)

Jens Møller introduced himself giving a detailed listing of his work experiences both from Gemba A/S as well as from previous work.

4. Election of Chair, Vice-chair and Secretariat

Dorothy Dankel and Carl-Christian Schmidt were reelected Chair and Vice-chair respectively. For the Secretariat Lars Clink and Sonja Feldthaus were elected (not members of the Board).

5. Financial status

No major changes in running budget. All activities are fully financed. Expect to present the budget for 2024 at the next Board meeting.

6. Update on Second Forum on Climate Change for Fisheries and Aquaculture report writing

The Chair informed that half the budget for the workshop was exhausted for the workshop as such. The remaining part of the budget will be allocated for dissemination purposes. The

report from the workshop will be finalized in January and a draft follows at the next Board meeting.

The Chair appraised the valuable cooperation with ICES. So far no news about who will replace Jörn Schmidt in ICES. News expected in February 2024.

7. Status of the new project/conference proposal to the Nordic Council of Ministers (Third Forum on Climate Change)

The Vice-chair informed that NMTT within the context of the Nordic Forum on Climate Change for Fisheries and Aquaculture on 1 February (deadline for application on 6 February) will submit to The Nordic Council of Ministers (NCM) an application for support for a third project. The NCM decides on projects qualifying for support in March. Vice-chair sees a merit in cooperating with both OECD and FAO in the field of climate change. Also, cooperation with ICES should be continued as it is seen as a valuable quality stamp for NMTT-activities. For the venue for a third workshop, Staffan will look into whether Sweden will be able to host the workshop, preferable in the autumn of 2024.

8. Comments on the draf project proposal

Two sets of remarks received.

9. Proposed dates for 2024 Board Meetings and confirmations of attendance from Board members

Following dates for NMTT's Board Meetings in 2024 were agreed as follows:

- 22 April 2024 13.30-15.00
- 3 September 2024 14.00-15.30
- 14 October 2024 13.00-15.30

The meetings will be arranged as Zoom meetings.

10. Selection of Board Members to present a short “Science-Policy Brief” at the next Board Meeting

It was agreed to ask/invite Uffe Sveistrup, Ministry of Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, Denmark, to give a short summary of the Fisheries Commissions report on the Future of Danish Fisheries – released in December 2023. Jens Møller is in charge. Sonja will contact Uffe Sveistrup. (Uffe has accepted the invitation). *Date: 22. April.*

Staffan Waldo will on *3 September* speak about possible introduction of ITQ in demersal fisheries in Sweden.

Hildur Hauksdóttir will on *14 October* speak about the Icelandic Government policy on climate – climate change.

11. Any other Business

The Chair informed that quota distribution is discussed in Norway. Further, the Norwegian Government supposedly will launch a proposal to open for investigation and commercial exploitation of deep sea minerals in Norwegian waters – obviously a controversial issue.