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Nordic Marine Think Tank, NMTT, Board Meeting II (Zoom) Monday 22 April 2024

Present: The NMTT Chair Dorothy Dankel, Vice-chair Carl-Christian Schmidt, Staffan Waldo, Jens Møller, Hildur Hauksdóttir, JohanWilliam, Marita Rasmussen, From the NMTT Secretariat Lars Clink and Sonja Feldthaus. Jesper Helbo not present. Helbo will shortly retire from his present job and might then withdraw from the Board. Pending confirmation.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed everybody and extended a special welcome to Poul Degnbol, former Head of Advice, International Council of the Exploration of the Sea for having accepted to give a presentation of the report from The Danish Fisheries Commission.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was approved as circulated.

3. Approval og Minutes freom Board Meeting 12 Januaray 2024

The Minutes was approved.

4. Presentation of results from the work of the Fisheries Comission by Poul Degnbol

Poul Degnbol gave a short and very informative presentation of the Report from The Fishery Commisson regarding the future of Danish Fishery. The background for the work was triggered by Brexit which among others caused reduced fishing opportinites and combined with the fact of changes in the distribution of fish stocks. The report focused on four main issues; Maximize economic benefit for the societies in general, local societies, environmental aspects and clima change. The report contains 19 recommendations. The presentation concluded with a fruitful discussion. The Vice-chair saw some merits for NMTT to continue working on some of the issues presented and invited Jens Møller to collaborate on writing a small note on aspects for future work in this context. (The report and the presentation are attached).

5. Table round

Marita Rasmussen, FO; new Board member, introduced herself and informed about her current position as well as her previous work.

The Chair informed about the Ocean Week in Bergen in April with 183 events in the span of six days. Jens Møller mentioned the Seafood Forum in Bergen in March where more than 1000 people turned up. Jens also mentioned the Sea Food Expo in Barcelona taking place right now.

6. Status from the Second Forum on Climate Change for Fisheries and Aquaculture - report writing

The Chair informed that the draft report from the the second workshop in November 2023 is ready for circulation and following comments, it will be ready for dissemination.

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

The Vice-chair informed that planning for the third workshop is progressing well. Financial support is in place and venue will be Helsingborg. On 29 April, the Vice-chair together with Lars Clink and Sonja Feldthaus will travel to Helsingborg with a view to make the necessary arrangements with the hotel. So far, the Vice-chair has one speaker confirmed and is in contact with other possible speakers.

8. Financial Status

Due to time constrains, financial issues were referred to the next meeting.

9. Membership payment

Lars Clink gave an overview of payment of annual membership fees and informed that a number of members has not yet paid. Lars was seeking advice on how to address missing payments. The Chair will at he next meeting present possible ways forward.

10. Any Other Business

No issues raised. Mentioned that next Board meeting takes place on 2th September 2024, 14.00-15.30. Staffan Waldo and colleagues will speak about ITQ in demersal fisheries in Sweden.