

## CNL(06)39

### *Terms of Reference for the 2006/2007 Ad Hoc Review Group*

#### **1. Functions**

- (a) The *Ad Hoc* Review Group shall review and provide feedback to the President on the adequacy of Implementation Plans submitted by the Parties or relevant jurisdictions.
- (b) In carrying out this task the *Ad Hoc* Review Group should *inter alia* seek to assess the conformity of these plans with the “Guidelines for the Preparation of NASCO Implementation Plans and for Reporting on Progress” and how well the plans lend themselves to evaluation in relation to the objectives of NASCO’s Resolutions and Agreements.
- (c) Following discussions in the Special Session on Implementation Plans, the *Ad Hoc* Review Group should prepare a short report in light of responses by the Parties, to be submitted to the President in the course of the 2007 Annual Meeting with appropriate suggestions.
- (d) The *Ad Hoc* Review Group is not required to produce a unanimous report but to reflect all positions taken by members on the adequacy of the Implementation Plans presented and their alignment with the NASCO agreements and guidelines.

#### **2. Composition**

The *Ad Hoc* Review Group should be composed as follows:

- Denmark in respect of either the Faroe Islands or Greenland (but not both): 1 person;
- The remaining Parties to NASCO: 2 persons (to the extent possible reflecting balance among the membership and appropriate expertise);
- The Standing Scientific Committee: 1 person;
- Accredited NGOs: 2 persons (ideally one NGO from Europe and one from North America).

For 2006/2007, it was agreed that the persons representing NASCO would be Dr Jan Arge Jacobsen, Mr Ted Potter, Mr Raoul Bierach and Ms Mary Colligan. The NGO representatives will be Mr Chris Poupard and a North American NGO to be confirmed.

The Secretary should act as *Ad Hoc* Review Group Coordinator. The individuals appointed by Parties should act in the interests of NASCO and in a personal capacity, specifically not representing their Party.

### **3. Schedule of Work**

*October 2006*

- Parties submit Implementation Plans to NASCO.

*November 2006 – March 2007*

- The *Ad Hoc* Review Group examines the Implementation Plans and prepares a report to the President.

*March/April 2007*

- The *Ad Hoc* Review Group's report is made available to the Parties and accredited NGOs

*June 2007*

- Annual Meeting of NASCO and Special Session on Implementation Plans.