



Forty-Third Annual Meeting of the West Greenland Commission

Macdonald Aviemore Resort, Scotland

2 – 5 June 2026

Annotated Agenda

The purpose of this paper is to provide the background, links to papers and decisions for each item on the Agenda for the Meeting of the West Greenland Commission.

Papers for the meeting are on the [website](#).

This Annotated Agenda references papers that the Secretariat is aware of at the time of writing. If additional papers are issued, they will be posted on the website and delegates will be informed by email.

As agreed in 2022, Parties / NGOs were invited to submit questions on Agenda items, in advance to the Commission member. Under NASCO's new T&Cs for accredited observers, Indigenous Peoples' representatives and institutions (IPRIs) are now able to attend NASCO meetings and in 2025, Council agreed, [CNL\(25\)80rev](#), paragraph 2.10, it would be happy to include a provision for IPRIs to ask questions in advance, in addition to Parties and NGOs. The Secretariat requested that it be copied into any questions asked, to allow the questions to be included in the Annotated Agenda. No questions were received.

A summary of the decisions before the Commission is contained in Annex 1.

Timings of the Meeting

The Commission will meet on:

- Tuesday 2 June: 16:00 – 18:00 hrs
- Wednesday 3 June 16:00 – 18:00 hrs
- Thursday 4 June: 15:30 – 17:30 hrs

Order of Business

Business will be taken in the following order:

1.	Opening of the Meeting
2.	Adoption of the Agenda
3.	Nomination of a Rapporteur
4.	Report of the ICES Advisory Committee on Salmon Stocks in the Commission Area
5.	Report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting(s) of the West Greenland Commission
6.	Regulatory Measures
7.	Mixed-Stock Fisheries Conducted by Members of the Commission
8.	Sampling in the West Greenland Fishery
9.	Recommendations to the Council on the Request to ICES for Scientific Advice
10.	Other Business
11.	Election of Officers
12.	Date and Place of the Next Meeting

<i>Adjourn to Consider Report Text</i>	
13.	Report of the Meeting
14.	Close of the Meeting

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Chair, Katrine Kærgaard (Denmark (in respect of the Faroe Islands and Greenland), will open the meeting.

Members of the Commission, NGOs AND IPRI's may make verbal Opening Statements, as is usual in years when new regulatory measures are negotiated.

- *no decision is required.*

2. Adoption of the Agenda

A Provisional Agenda, [WGC\(26\)01](#), was issued on 9 February 2026. No supplementary items were proposed by the Parties. The Draft Agenda, [WGC\(26\)02](#), was issued on 10 April.

- *the Commission will be asked to adopt its Agenda.*

3. Nomination of a Rapporteur

- *the Commission may wish to nominate a Rapporteur.*

4. Report of the ICES Advisory Committee on Salmon Stocks in the Commission Area

In 2022 the Council agreed that full ICES Advice should be presented in Council only in future, [CNL\(22\)53rev](#), paragraph 4.34. Therefore, there will be no presentation of ICES advice during the Commission meeting. However, Article 9 of the Convention states that *'In exercising the functions set out in articles 7 and 8, a Commission shall take into account: the best available information, including advice from the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea and other appropriate scientific organizations...'*

This agenda item allows for questions and comment on the ICES Advice, if required. The Chair of the Working Group on North Atlantic Salmon (WGNAS), Alan Walker (UK), will be available to answer questions, if required.

- *no decision is required.*

The following papers are available:

- the Report of the ICES Advisory Committee (ACOM), [CNL\(26\)06](#);
- the [Report of the Working Group on North Atlantic Salmon](#) is on the ICES website.

5. Report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting(s) of the West Greenland Commission.

At its Thirty-Ninth Annual Meeting (held in 2022) the West Greenland Commission agreed a 'Multi-Annual Regulatory Measure for Fishing for Atlantic Salmon at West Greenland', [WGC\(22\)10](#). This measure applied to the salmon fishery at West Greenland in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025 and contained various measures to be implemented in relation to the fishery. At its 2025 Annual Meeting, [WGC\(25\)08](#), the Commission agreed to hold an Inter-Sessional Meeting prior to its 2026 Annual Meeting to begin discussions on a new regulatory measure to apply to the fishery from

2026.

An Inter-Sessional Meeting took place in Nuuk, Greenland, in March 2026, as a hybrid meeting. The Commission considered the West Greenland Atlantic salmon fishery in 2022, 2023, 2024 and 2025, as reported by DFG and recorded in the reports of the 2023 (see [WGC\(23\)08](#)), 2024 (see [WGC\(24\)08](#)) and 2025 (see [WGC\(25\)08](#)) Annual Meetings of the Commission and the 2025 Report on the Salmon Fishery in Greenland, [WGCIS\(26\)03](#). The Commission further considered the text of the current regulatory measure and discussed what edits and additional text may be required for a future regulatory measure. The Chair agreed to submit a draft document to the Commission's Heads of Delegations, following the meeting, for their consideration. This document was circulated on 17 March. To facilitate discussion of this draft regulatory measure, the Commission agreed to a second Inter-Sessional Meeting to take place by video conference in April 2026.

The West Greenland Commission, therefore, held a second Inter-Sessional Meeting on 10 April. At the second Inter-Sessional Meeting the Commission agreed to hold further discussions on the draft regulatory measure at its 2026 Annual Meeting. The regulatory measure will be considered under the Agenda Item 6. Regulatory Measures.

The Chair will present a brief summary of these meetings.

- *no decision is required.*

The following papers are available:

- Report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting of the West Greenland Commission 3-4 March 2026, [WCG\(26\)05](#);
- Report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting of the West Greenland Commission 10 April 2026, [WGC\(26\)06](#).

6. Regulatory Measures

In 2022, the Commission adopted 'The Multi-Annual Regulatory Measure for Fishing for Atlantic Salmon at West Greenland, [WGC\(22\)10](#)'. The Commission held an Inter-Sessional Meeting in person in March this year and another Inter-Sessional Meeting by video conference in April to consider the text of the current regulatory measure and discuss any edits and additional text that may be required for a future regulatory measure. The latest version of the draft regulatory measure was circulated to the Commission on 24 April with comments and edits invited by 1 May, for consideration at the Commission's Annual Meeting.

The Commission will consider a new regulatory measure.

- *the Commission may wish to adopt a new regulatory measure.*

The following papers are available:

- the Report of the ICES Advisory Committee (ACOM), [CNL\(26\)06](#);
- Report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting of the West Greenland Commission 3-4 March 2026, [WCG\(26\)05](#);
- Report of the Inter-Sessional Meeting of the West Greenland Commission 10 April 2026, [WGC\(26\)06](#).

Details of previous regulatory measures can be found [here](#).

7. **Mixed-Stock Fisheries Conducted by Members of the Commission**

This is essential business under Articles 7 and 15 of the Convention. Additionally, in 2024, the Council agreed, [CNL\(24\)88rev](#), paragraph 6.12, to include an agenda item in each of the Commissions to allow for an annual update on coastal, estuarine and in-river mixed-stock fisheries and the justification for their continued prosecution. Each member of the Commission with mixed-stock fisheries (MSF) was requested to provide papers in 2026 with a brief description of any mixed-stock fisheries still operating, the most recent catch data for these fisheries, any changes or developments in their management **and the justification for their continued prosecution.**

- *no decision is required.*

The following papers are available:

- Mixed-Stock Fisheries (Tabled by the European Union), [NEA\(26\)07](#); and
- Mixed-Stock Fisheries (Tabled by United Kingdom), [NEA\(26\)05](#).

The following paper is available:

- Labrador Mixed Food Fisheries – Mixed-Stock Fisheries Context (Tabled by Canada), [NAC\(26\)05](#).

8. **Sampling in the West Greenland Fishery**

This Agenda item allows consideration of a draft statement of co-operation for the West Greenland Fishery Sampling Programme, which facilitates the effective functioning of the Programme. The data collected under this programme provide critical inputs to the ICES WGNAS stock assessment.

- *the Commission may wish to agree a statement of co-operation for the 2026 Sampling Programme.*

The following paper will be available:

- Draft Statement of Co-operation on the West Greenland Fishery Sampling Programme.

9. **Recommendations to the Council on the Request to ICES for Scientific Advice**

This item is required under Article 9 of the Convention which requires a Commission to take into account the best scientific evidence. Advice is provided annually under the [ICES / NASCO Memorandum of Understanding](#).

In 1992, the Council established a Standing Scientific Committee (SSC) to assist the Council and Commissions in formulating their questions to ICES. The SSC comprises two representatives from each Commission, ideally one scientist and one manager. During the Annual Meeting, the SSC will meet to develop a Draft Request for Scientific Advice from ICES for consideration by the Commissions and the Council. The SSC representatives for the Greenland Commission are Michael Millane and Augusta Jerimiassen.

The Standing Scientific Committee's recommendations will be available once its work is complete:

- *the Commission will be asked to consider the relevant section of the SSC's recommendation, although it may wish to defer the decision to the Council.*

The following paper may be available:

- Draft Request for Scientific Advice from ICES

10. Other Business

At the time of writing, the Secretariat had not been made aware of any other business.

11. Election of Officers

The election of officers is required under Rule 10 of the Rules of Procedure for the WGC.

The current Chair, Katrine Kærgaard, is eligible and available for re-election.

No background papers are produced for this item.

- *the Commission may wish to elect, re-elect a Chair.*

12. Date and Place of the Next Meeting

The Commission will be asked to confirm the date and venue for its next Annual Meeting. It is usual practice for the Commission to meet during the Annual Meeting of the Council of NASCO, and in the same location.

The dates and location for the Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Council will be considered during the 2026 Annual Meeting of the Council.

- *the Commission may wish to agree to hold its next Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Council.*

13. Report of the Meeting

Rule 28 of the Rules of Procedure for the WGC requires that 'A draft report shall be considered by the Commission before the end of the meeting.'

A Draft Report of the Meeting will be circulated for review.

- *the Commission may wish to adopt the Report of its Meeting.*

14. Close of the Meeting

The Chair will close the Annual Meeting of the West Greenland Commission.

Secretariat
Edinburgh
29 May 2026

Summary of Commission Decisions

Agenda Item	Decision	Paper No.
2. Adoption of the Agenda	Adopt the Agenda	WGC(26)02
3. Nomination of a Rapporteur	Nominate a Rapporteur	
6. Regulatory Measure	Adopt a new regulatory measure	
8. Sampling in the West Greenland Fishery	Agree a statement of co-operation for the 2026 Sampling Programme	Paper issued at the meeting
9. Recommendations to the Council on the Request to ICES for Scientific Advice	Consider the relevant section of the SSC's recommendation or defer the decision to the Council.	Paper issued at the meeting
11. Election of Officers	Elect / re-elect Chair	
12. Date and Place of the Next Meeting	Agree to hold its next Annual Meeting in conjunction with the Forty-Fourth Annual Meeting of the Council.	
13. Report of the Meeting	Adopt the Report of the Meeting	Issued at the meeting