



# NORDIC MARINE THINK TANK

NMTT Board

Zoom meeting Monday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2021

## Minutes

Present: The NMTT chair Carl-Christian Schmidt and Vice Chair Dorothy Dankel, Bryndís Björnsdóttir, Jesper Heldbo, Staffan Waldo, Johan Williams, Odma Johannesen and Lars Clink, NMTT Secretariat. Ásmundur Guðjónsson was not present.

### 1. **Welcome and Minutes of the Board meeting 3 December 2020**

The chair welcomed to the meeting and noted a correction to the Minutes of the Board meeting 3 December 2020 which the Secretariat will take care of. The corrected Minutes have been circulated on 16 March 2021.

### 2. **Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture**

The Chair informed on the working process so far and presented a provisional agenda (work in progress) of the Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture which will take place 1½ day - Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021 at Konventum in Helsingør. The program is divided into three main parts i.e. I: Setting the scene, II: Industry Challenges; and III: Policy Challenges and Responses.

Most speakers were in place.

The members of the Board discussed the Agenda and the Speakers and had some suggestions for improvements.

The Board discussed the number of participants and solutions if more people wanted to participate than the maximum of 120 participants which the conference room can accommodate. The Chair thanked the Board for the input to the further work on the Nordic Climate Change Forum for Fisheries and Aquaculture.

The Secretariat will forward the Agenda to the Board.

### 3. **NMTT overall information strategy – website**

The Secretariat informed on the work on the new NMTT website and referred to the chapter on NMTT's history made by Hans Lassen and his proposal for a pamphlet on the NMTT 10-year anniversary in 2022.

The Chair noted no comments to the proposal on NMTT's history and their

full support for the proposed work on a pamphlet to the NMTT anniversary in 2022.

4. **Financial status. Budget for 2021 for approval by the Board**

The Secretariat informed on the budget for 2021. There is some new expenditure for the website, which was not included in the draft. In order to cover this the promotion item was increased to 8000 DKK. The budget was adopted with this amendment.

5. **The annual account for 2020 for approval by the board**

The presentation is slightly changed having been adjusted to a standard template used by the new auditor, but principles are the same. Our own assets have now been increased by the result of finished projects (FMSY and ITQ). The deficit for 2020 is modest and covered by our own assets.

The Chair recalled that NMTT's funds are mainly due to the voluntary work under the auspices of the NMTT and noted that the NMTT Board agreed that the accounts as now presented were to be approved by the next Annual General Meeting.

6. **Any other business, including The Arctic Ocean and other international processes, Aquaculture, Crew Payment Systems in Nordic Fisheries**

Dorothy pointed out that there are currently many processes underway in the Arctic. The processes in the North East Atlantic Ocean should be linked. The Chair informed that the work on the NMTT project Crew Payment System in Nordic Fisheries continues in April and will be completed at the end of this year.

The Chair thanked the members of the Board for their interest and commitment at this meeting.