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Dear Mister Scanlon

Thanks you for sending to the North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission, NAMMCO, the proposals to amend CITES Appendices I and II for marine species, which will be tabled at the 17th meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES in the fall (ref.: letter from 12 May 2016, TDM/Elk/CoP17).

NAMMCO does not hold specific competence or information concerning the proposals for these particular species. NAMMCO will therefore not send further comments on these proposals.

However, should proposals for marine mammal species materialize in the future, NAMMCO would be pleased to share with CITES scientific data as well as conservation and management measures recommended by NAMMCO and/or implemented and enforced by its Parties.

The Council of NAMMCO met on 10-11 February in Oslo, Norway. Recommendations were made concerning the conservation and management of marine mammals under the jurisdiction of NAMMCO. Please find attached the Press Release, including a report on the work and decisions of the Council. I have also attached for your information the 2015 Annual Report.

One of the important decisions of the Council was to increase cooperation with the other international organisations having competence in conservation and management of marine mammals.

We are looking forward to increase this cooperation with the CITES Secretariat.

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