

2nd Meeting of the AEWA Svalbard Pink-footed Goose International Working Group
14-15th October 2014, Sneek, The Netherlands

ANNOTATED AGENDA



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-- Annotated Agenda --

Date: Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th October 2014
Venue: Van Der Valk Hotel Sneek, Sneek, The Netherlands.
Host: Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation
Chair: Norway (Mr. Øystein Størkersen)

Meeting Documents:

The following working documents will be made available to you for review in advance of the meeting (non-exclusive):

1. Annotated agenda (*Doc.: SPfG IWG 2.1*)
2. Svalbard Pink-footed Goose Population Status Report 2013-2014; DCE Technical Report No 39 (*Doc.: SPfG IWG 2.2*)
3. Adaptive Harvest Management for the Svalbard Population of Pink-Footed Geese 2014 Progress Summary; DCE Technical Report No. 40 (*Doc.: SPfG IWG 2.3*)
4. Agenda item notes: harvest regulations (*Doc.: SPfG IWG 2.4*)
5. Agenda item notes: crop damage assessment (*Doc.: SPfG IWG 2.5*)

The above documents will be circulated in advance of the meeting.

The following information documents will also be made available to you before the meeting (non-exclusive):

1. List of Meeting Documents (*Doc.: SPfG IWG Inf. 2.1*)
2. Meeting Information Sheet (*Doc.: SPfG IWG Inf. 2.2*)
3. List of participants (*Doc.: SPfG IWG Inf. 2.3*)
4. Meeting report of the 1st Meeting of the AEWA Svalbard Pink-footed Goose International Working Group, 23 April 2013, Copenhagen, Denmark. (*Doc.: SPfG IWG Inf. 2.4*)

Main Objectives:

- Updates on the implementation of the ISMP
- Establish and agree IWG recommendations for the sustainable hunting of pink-footed geese in Norway and Denmark focusing on number key areas of discussion:
 - o Emergency closure of the pink-footed goose hunting season
 - o Crippling rate target and actions to reduce it
 - o Hunting bag share between Norway and Denmark
 - o Hunting regulatory options to ensure sustainable hunting of pink-footed geese
- Establish and agree IWG recommendations for the national monitoring and reporting of goose related conflicts
- Elect a new Chair country for the AEWA SPfG IWG

Meeting languages: The meeting will be conducted in English. Meeting documents will be provided in English.

Abbreviations:

- AHM = Adaptive Harvest Management;	- AE = Arild Espelien	- JM = Jesper Madsen
- ISMP = International Species Management Plan;	- APR = Anja Pel Roest	- MV = Michiel Vandegehuchte
- IWG = International Working Group;	- BN = Bart Nolet	- SD = Sergey Dereliev
- SPfG = Svalbard Pink-footed Goose	- EK = Eckhart Kuijken	- ØS = Øystein Størkersen
- tbc = to be confirmed	- FAJ = Fred A. Johnson	
- Doc. = meeting document	- HLS = Henrik Lykke Sørensen	
	- IT = Ingunn Tombre	
	- JHW = James H. Williams	

Monday 13th October				
Arrival day				
Time	Item	Doc.	Remarks	Lead
	Arrival		Check-in Van Der Valk Hotel Sneek Burgemeester Rasterhofflaan 1 8606 KZ Sneek, The Netherlands Tel +31 515 48 18 18	
19:00	Welcome reception		Reception to welcome delegates: meet in hotel bar	JM

Tuesday 14th October				
08:30 – 18:00				
Time	Item	Doc.	Remarks	Lead
08:30 - 13:00	Excursion	--	Morning excursion to see pink-footed geese in local area	tbc
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	--		
14:00 – 14:20 (20 mins)	Opening of the meeting, introductions and agenda	SPfG IWG 2.1	1. Tour de table 2. Confirmation of observers 3. Adoption of the Agenda	Chair (ØS)
14:20 – 14:45 (25 mins)	Updates from AEWA Secretariat and Coordination Unit	SPfG IWG 2.2	Updates on: 1. AEWA Secretariat news 2. Latest SPfG population status 3. Coordination unit ISMP activities and dissemination in 2013-2014	SD JM JHW
14:45 – 15:30 (45 mins)	Range State up-dates: 1. Belgium (MV) 2. The Netherlands (APR) 3. Denmark (HLS) 4. Norway (ØS)	--	Presentations updating on status of national delegations / national working groups, overview of ISMP related activities.	
15:30 - 16:00	Coffee break	--		
16:00 – 16.45 (45 mins)	Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM)	SPfG IWG 2.3	Presentation of AHM 2014 Progress Report	FAJ
16:45 – 17.00 (15 mins)	Q & A session	--	Brief questions and answers	FAJ
17:00 - 17:45 (45 mins)	Goose-agricultural conflicts and predicting the impact of foraging	--	Presentation of habitat depletion model for Trøndelag, Norway	BN IT
17:45 – 18.00 (15 mins)	Q & A session	--	Brief questions and answers	BN IT
18:00 – 18:10	Wrap-up of day	--		Chair (ØS) SD JM
19:00	Dinner	--	Dinner kindly hosted by the Dutch Ministry of Economic Affairs, Agriculture and Innovation	APR

Wednesday 15th October**09:00 – 16:00**

Time	Activity	Doc.	Remarks	Lead
09:00 – 09:15 (15 mins)	Arctic tundra degradation	--	Presentation on arctic tundra monitoring	IT
09:15 - 09:30 (15 mins)	Grassland restoration	--	Presentation on Belgian grassland restoration in Oostkustpolders	EK
09:30 - 09:40 (10 mins)	Hunting regulations in Norway and Denmark	--	Presentation on current hunting regulations in Norway and Denmark	AE HLS
09:40 – 09:50 (10 mins)	Emergency closure of hunting season	--	Presentation on trigger point and procedure for emergency closure of the hunting season	FAJ AE HLS
09:50 – 10:10 (20 mins)	IWG Discussion: emergency closure	SPfG IWG 2.4	Discussion of emergency closure of hunting season	Chair (ØS)
10:10 – 10:20 (10 mins)	Crippling rates	--	Presentation on proposed crippling rate target and management actions to reduce crippling	JM
10:20 – 10:40 (20 mins)	IWG discussion: crippling rates	SPfG IWG 2.4	Discussion of crippling rate target and management actions to achieve this	Chair (ØS)
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee break			
11:00 – 11:10 (10 mins)	Annual hunting bag share (DK / NO)	--	Presentation on proposals to share hunting between Denmark and Norway	AE HLS
11:10 – 11:30 (20 mins)	IWG discussion: annual hunting bag share	SPfG IWG 2.4	Discussion on proposals to share hunting between Denmark and Norway	Chair (ØS)
11:30 – 11:45 (15 mins)	Regulatory options for hunting	SPfG IWG 2.4	Presentation on potential regulatory options for sustainable hunting in Norway and Denmark	JM
11.45 - 13:00 (75 mins)	IWG Break-out sessions: 1. Hunting regulations 2. Goose-agricultural conflicts	SPfG IWG 2.4 SPfG IWG 2.5	1. Facilitated workshop on: hunting regulation objectives, alternatives & consequences 2. Facilitated workshop on: goose-agricultural conflicts; crop damage assessment and reporting; linking goose populations sizes and crop damages.	Selected chairs
13:00-14:00	Lunch			

14:00 – 14:30 (30 mins)	Summing up of break-out sessions		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Feedback on preferred options for hunting regulation 2. Feedback on national assessments and reporting of goose related crop damages 	Selected chairs
14:30 – 15:30 (60 mins)	Agreement on IWG recommendations		<p>Confirmation of, and agreement on IWG recommendations for future management actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Procedure for emergency closure of the pink-footed goose hunting season 2. Potential crippling rate target and actions to reduce it 3. Recommended hunting bag share between Norway and Denmark 4. Recommended regulatory options to ensure sustainable hunting of pink-footed geese 5. Recommended reporting practices and formats for goose related conflicts and crop damages 	Chair (ØS) SD
15:30 – 15:50 (20 mins)	<p>Other business:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. ISMP Work Plan 2015 2. Next AEWA SPfG IWG meeting 3. Appoint next IWG Chair Country 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Outline of planned ISMP activities in 2015 2. Discuss and agree possibility, hosting country and timing of 3rd SPfG IWG meeting, foreseen to be held in late 2015 3. Appoint new Chair Country for the SPfG IWG. Denmark has offered for 2014-2015 period. 	Chair (ØS) JM SD
15:50 - 16:00	Summary and conclusion of meeting			
16:00	End of meeting			