

**3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the AEWA Svalbard Pink-footed Goose International Working Group**  
10-11<sup>th</sup> December 2015, Ghent, Belgium

## ANNOTATED AGENDA



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## -- Annotated Agenda --

Date: Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2015  
Venue: Flemish Administrative Centre 'VAC Virginie Lovelinggebouw', Ghent, Belgium  
Host: Nature and Forest Agency of the Flemish Government  
Chair: Denmark (Mr. Henrik Lykke Sørensen)

### 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 3.1)
2. Svalbard Pink-footed Goose Population Status Report 2014-2015; DCE Technical Report No. 58 (Doc.: SPfG IWG 3.2)
3. Adaptive Harvest Management for the Svalbard Population of Pink-Footed Geese 2015 Progress Summary; DCE Technical Report No. 64 (Doc.: SPfG IWG 3.3)

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. 3.1)
2. Meeting Information Sheet (Doc.: SPfG IWG Inf. 3.2)
3. List of participants (Doc.: SPfG IWG Inf. 3.3)
4. Meeting report of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the AEWA Svalbard Pink-footed Goose International Working Group, 14-15th October 2014, Sneek, The Netherlands. (Doc.: SPfG IWG Inf. 3.4)

### Main Objectives:

- Agree AEWA SPfG ISMP Strategy for 2016-2018
  - Harvest strategy and population regulation
  - Agreement on emergency closure criteria
  - Actions to minimize crippling
  - Managing goose-agricultural conflicts / crop losses
  - Securing favourable habitats (grasslands, nature reserves and tundra etc.)
  - Development of non-hunting actions (e.g. goose tourism)
- New modelling requirements / developments for AHM
- Determine future structural / organizational requirements for ISMP and its effective implementation
- Elect a new Chair country for the AEWA SPfG IWG

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

**Excursion:** Field trip to East Coast Polders (Oostkustpolders) region of Flanders, Belgium during afternoon of Friday 11th December.

### Abbreviations:

AHM = Adaptive Harvest Management	DK = Denmark	IT = Ingunn Tombre
CU = Coordination Unit	NO = Norway	JM = Jesper Madsen
ISMP = International Species Management Plan	DD = Dries Desloover	JHW = James H. Williams
IWG = International Working Group	EK = Eckhart Kuijken	KC = Kevin Clausen
SPfG = Svalbard Pink-footed Goose	FAJ = Fred A. Johnson	MV = Michiel Vandegehuchte
Doc. = meeting document	HLS = Henrik Lykke Sørensen	SD = Sergey Dereliev

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December				
Arrival day				
Time	Item	Doc.	Remarks	Lead
	<b>Arrival</b>		Check-in <b>Europahotel</b> , Gordunakaai 59 B-9000 Ghent Belgium Tel: +32 9 222 60 71	
19:00	Welcome reception		Reception to welcome delegates: meet in hotel bar	

Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December				
09:00 – 17:30				
Time	Item	Doc.	Remarks	Lead
09:00 – 09:15 (15 mins)	Opening of the meeting, introductions and agenda	SPfG IWG 3.1	Welcome by Flemish Nature and Forest Agency Tour de table Confirmation of observers Adoption of the Agenda	DD HLS
09:15 – 09:30 (15 mins)	Updates from the Coordination Unit and AEWA Secretariat	--	Updates on: Coordination unit ISMP activities and dissemination in 2014-2015 AEWA Secretariat news	JM JHW SD
09:30 – 09:50 (20 mins)	Population status update	SPfG IWG 3.2	Presentation of Population Status Report 2014-2015  <i>Including brief questions and answers</i>	JM
09:50 – 10:50 (60 mins)	Range State up-dates: Belgium (MV) The Netherlands (APR) Denmark (HLS) Norway (ØS)	--	Presentations updating on status of national delegations / national working groups, overview of ISMP related activities	
10:50 - 11:15	Coffee break			
11:15 – 11:25 (10 mins)	Goose crippling	--	Presentation of latest monitoring results	KC
11:25 – 11:45 (20 mins)	IWG discussion: Goose crippling		Discussion and agreement on further actions necessary in DK & NO (by agencies & hunting organizations)	HLS
11:45 – 12:05 (20 mins)	Monitoring and minimizing agricultural conflicts		1. Review of subsidy/compensation schemes and levels of goose-agri conflicts in range states 2. Presentation of Norwegian subsidy review	JHW IT
12:05 – 12:30 (25 mins)	IWG discussion: Monitoring and minimizing agricultural conflicts		Discussion: Link between reducing population size and reducing agricultural conflicts and role of subsidy/compensation schemes	HLS
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch			

13:30 – 13:50 (20 mins)	Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM)	SPfG IWG 3.3	Presentation of AHM 2015 Progress Report  <i>Including brief questions and answers</i>	FAJ
13:50 – 14:05 (15 mins)	Emergency closures		Review of requirements for enacting an emergency closure: definition and criteria (biological & social)	FAJ JM
14:00 – 14:20 (15 mins)	IWG discussion: Emergency closures		Discussion on practicalities & establishing necessary procedures for implementation	HLS
14:20 – 14:50 (30 mins)	The future: harvest & population modelling		Presentation on ISMP harvest & population modelling Overview of model developments and emerging uncertainties Outline implications of 1 & 3 year AHM decision cycles Consequences and expectations for harvest quotas for 2016-18  <i>Including questions and answers</i>	FAJ
14:50 - 15:10	Coffee break			
15:10 – 16:00 (50 mins)	IWG Break-out sessions: Harvest strategy 2016-18 Managing goose-agricultural conflicts 2016-18 (non-hunting actions)		Facilitated workshop on: Harvest strategy for 2016-18 Managing goose-agricultural conflicts 2016-18 (non-hunting actions)  Giving consideration to: <i>Hunting regulations:</i> flexibility, coordination, practicalities (ease of implementation), consistency, stability & technologies <i>Managing conflicts:</i> maximizing effectiveness of subsidy/compensation schemes and other non-hunting measures e.g. habitat restoration/goose tourism; adaptive conflict resolution: adjusting subsidy/compensation levels to population size. <i>General requirements:</i> information (monitoring, predictive models) for the ISMP; effective communication between decision makers & actors/stakeholders (establishing clear procedures); period of management cycle (1 / 3 years)	Selected chairs
16:00 – 16:15 (15 mins)	Group preparation of break-out session feedback			Selected chairs
16:15 - 16:35	Coffee break			

16:35 – 17:20 (45 mins)	Summing up of break-out sessions		Feedback on desirable harvest and non-hunting actions for 2016-18 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Objectives</li> <li>• Actions</li> <li>• Consequences</li> <li>• Information / communication requirements</li> </ul> <p><i>Including brief questions and answers</i></p>	Selected chairs
17:20 – 17:30 (10 mins)	Wrap-up of day			
19:00	<b>Dinner</b>	--	Dinner kindly hosted by the Nature and Forest Agency of the Flemish Government	MV

<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>				
<b>09:00 – 11:30</b>				
<b>Time</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Doc.</b>	<b>Remarks</b>	<b>Lead</b>
08:30 – 09:15 (45 mins)	Review of AEWA SPfG ISMP 2013-2015 and future for the AEWA SPfG ISMP		Presentation on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Review of ISMP process to date</li> <li>2. ISMP Cost/Benefit Analysis</li> <li>3. Envisaged future for ISMP, IWG &amp; CU</li> </ol>	JM SD
09:15 – 10:00 (45 mins)	IWG discussion: future of ISMP process, IWG and CU		Discussion of: processes, roles, scope & funding for IWG & CU Giving consideration to: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Effective &amp; stream-lined management process e.g. meeting frequency, annual reports, on-going communications (usefulness of website / face-2-face meetings) etc.</li> <li>2. Potential multi-species goose flyway management and SPfG ISMP as part of this</li> </ol>	HLS SD
10:00 - 10:15	Coffee break			
10:15 – 10:45 (30 mins)	Agreement on IWG recommendations for desired ISMP / AHM strategy for 2016-18		Confirmation of, and agreement on IWG recommendations for future of the AEWA SPfG ISMP: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Harvest strategy including crippling</li> <li>2. Non-hunting actions</li> <li>3. Developments for modelling, monitoring and communication</li> <li>4. Role of IWG &amp; CU</li> </ol>	HLS

10:45 – 11:00 (15 mins)	Other business: 1. Next AEWA SPfG IWG meeting 2. Appoint next IWG Chair Country		1. Discuss and agree hosting country and timing of 4 <sup>th</sup> SPfG IWG meeting, foreseen to be held in late 2017 2. Appoint new Chair Country for the SPfG IWG for 2016-2017 period	HLS
11:00 - 11:15	Summary and conclusion of meeting			HLS SD
11:15	End of meeting			
11:30 - 16:30	<b>Excursion:</b> Field trip to East Coast Polders (Oostkustpolders)		Approximately 1 hour drive to Oostkustpolders, with lunch on site at the Uitkerkse Polder	MV EK
17:30	Arrival back in Ghent			