**ANNOTATED AGENDA**



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**-- Annotated Agenda --**

Date: Thursday 10th and Friday 11th 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 2nd 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:**

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

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

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| **Thursday 10th 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  *Including brief questions and answers* | 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 |  |  |  |

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| 13:30 – 13.50  (20 mins) | Adaptive Harvest Management (AHM) | SPfG IWG 3.3 | Presentation of AHM 2015 Progress Report  *Including brief questions and answers* | 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  ***Including questions and answers*** | 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:  *Hunting regulations:* flexibility, coordination, practicalities (ease of implementation), consistency, stability & technologies  *Managing conflicts:* 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.  *General requirements:* 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 |  |  |  |

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| 16:35 – 17:20  (45 mins) | Summing up of break-out sessions |  | Feedback on desirable harvest and non-hunting actions for 2016-18   * Objectives * Actions * Consequences * Information / communication requirements   *Including brief questions and answers* | Selected chairs |
| 17:20 – 17:30  (10 mins) | Wrap-up of day |  |  |  |
| 19:00 | **Dinner** | -- | Dinner kindly hosted by the Nature and Forest Agency of the Flemish Government | MV |

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| **Friday 11th December**  **09:00 – 11:30** | | | | |
| **Time** | **Item** | **Doc.** | **Remarks** | **Lead** |
| 08:30 – 09:15  (45 mins) | Review of AEWA SPfG ISMP 2013-2015 and future for the AEWA SPfG ISMP |  | Presentation on:   1. Review of ISMP process to date 2. ISMP Cost/Benefit Analysis 3. Envisaged future for ISMP, IWG & CU | 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:   1. Effective & stream-lined management process e.g. meeting frequency, annual reports, on-going communications (usefulness of website / face-2-face meetings) etc. 2. Potential multi-species goose flyway management and SPfG ISMP as part of this | 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:   1. Harvest strategy including crippling 2. Non-hunting actions 3. Developments for modelling, monitoring and communication 4. Role of IWG & CU | HLS |

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| 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 4th 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 | **Excursion:** 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 |  |  |  |