

DRAFT AGENDA

**54th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission
20 - 24 May 2002, Shimonoseki, Japan**

NOTE:

**Provisions adopted under agenda items 5, 8, 9 and 10 may require amendment of the Schedule.
Commission decisions under any agenda item may involve amendments to the Rules of Procedure**

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- 1.1 Welcome Address
- 1.2 Opening Statements
- 1.3 Meeting Arrangements
- 1.4 Review of Documents

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. WHALEWATCHING

- 3.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
- 3.2 Commission discussions and action arising

4. WHALE STOCKS

- 4.1 Southern Hemisphere minke whales
 - 4.1.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 4.1.2 Commission discussions and action arising
- 4.2 Southern Hemisphere blue whales
 - 4.2.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 4.2.2 Commission discussions and action arising
- 4.3 Southern Hemisphere humpback whales
 - 4.3.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 4.3.2 Commission discussion and action arising
- 4.4 North Atlantic humpback whales
 - 4.4.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 4.4.2 Commission discussion and action arising
- 4.5 Other stocks – bowhead, right and gray whales
 - 4.5.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 4.5.2 Commission discussion and action arising
- 4.6 Other

5. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING

- 5.1 Aboriginal subsistence whaling scheme
 - 5.1.1 Report of the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee
 - 5.1.2 Commission discussions and action arising
- 5.2 Inedible gray whales from the North Pacific eastern stock
 - 5.2.1 Report of the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee
 - 5.2.2 Commission discussions and action arising

- 5.3 Aboriginal subsistence whaling catch limits
 - 5.3.1 Report of the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee
 - 5.3.2 Commission discussions and action arising
- 5.4 Other
6. CATCHES BY NON-MEMBER NATIONS
 - 6.1 Commission discussions and action arising

[This item provides the opportunity for Contracting Governments to raise issues related to catches by non-member nations. At recent meetings, this item has been first addressed by the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee. However, during consultations with the Advisory Committee, it was proposed that it would be more appropriate for the Commission to discuss this issue directly.]
7. WHALE KILLING METHODS AND ASSOCIATED WELFARE ISSUES
 - 7.1 Report of the Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues Working Group
 - data on whales killed
 - improving the humaneness of whaling operations
 - second workshop on whale killing methods
 - 7.2 Commission discussions and action arising
8. REVISED MANAGEMENT SCHEME (RMS)
 - 8.1 Revised Management Procedure (RMP)
 - 8.1.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - general issues
 - preparation for implementation (North Pacific minke, North Atlantic minke and Western North Pacific Bryde's whales)
 - bycatch
 - 8.1.2 Commission discussions and action arising
 - 8.2 Revised Management Scheme
 - 8.2.1 Report of the Revised Management Scheme Working Group

[A Draft Agenda for the RMS Working Group will be developed after the second meeting of the Expert Drafting Group in Auckland, New Zealand from 26 February to 1 March 2002.]
 - 8.2.2 Commission discussions and action arising
 - 8.3 Other
9. SANCTUARIES
 - 9.1 Reviews of sanctuaries
 - 9.1.1 Improvements to the review process
 - Report of the Scientific Committee
 - Commission discussions and action arising

[The Scientific Committee has been working intersessionally to develop an improved procedure for reviewing new sanctuary proposals and existing sanctuaries, taking into account, inter alia, the guidance provided by the Commission from IWC/53, i.e. Document IWC/53/42 Rev.]

- 9.1.2 Review of the Indian Ocean Sanctuary
 - Report of the Scientific Committee
 - Commission discussions and action arising

[According to the Schedule, the provision for the Indian Ocean Sanctuary is subject to review at the Annual Meeting in 2002]

- 9.2 South Pacific Sanctuary * *(see footnote)*
 - 9.2.1 Proposal to amend the Schedule to establish a sanctuary
 - 9.2.2 Commission discussions and action arising

- 9.3 South Atlantic Sanctuary * *(see footnote)*
 - 9.3.1 Proposal to amend the schedule to establish a sanctuary
 - 9.3.2 Commission discussions and action arising

9.4 Other

[Note that no specific item on research activities has been included. Research activities within the Indian Ocean Sanctuary will have been taken into account in the Scientific Committee review of that sanctuary. The Scientific Committee will not address research activities within the Southern Ocean Sanctuary this year.]

10. SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS AND SMALL-TYPE WHALING **(see footnote)*

- 10.1 Commission discussions and action arising

11. SCIENTIFIC PERMITS

- 11.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 11.1.1 Advice on effects of scientific permit catches
 - 11.1.2 Improvements to review procedures
 - 11.1.3 Review of results from existing permits
 - 11.1.4 Review of new or revised proposals

- 11.2 Commission discussions and action arising

12. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH ISSUES

- 12.1 Co-operative research in the Antarctic
 - 12.1.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - SOWER 2000 (co-operative research with CCAMLR)
 - Joint IWC/SO-GLOBEC research programme
 - 12.1.2 Commission discussions and action arising
- 12.2 Pollution 2000+
 - 12.2.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 12.2.2 Commission discussions and action arising

* For Schedule amendments that have been proposed on previous occasions, the Chair intends to introduce and summarise the Commission's discussions on each item to date. In the following discussions, he will only entertain new points.

- 12.3 Habitat-related issues
 - 12.3.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - interactions between cetaceans and fisheries *[The workshop initially foreseen to take place between February and April 2002 was postponed until June 2002. Although there will be some consideration of this issue, major discussion will be delayed until IWC/55.]*
 - mitigation of incidental capture of large cetaceans in fishing gear *[Resolution 2001-4 instructed the Scientific Committee to provide to the Commission at IWC/54, a summary of SC work on the most feasible methods to mitigate incidental capture of large cetaceans, and ways in which entangled large cetaceans can be released with minimal risk to rescuers.]*
 - other
 - 12.3.2 Commission discussions and action arising
- 12.4 Reports from Contracting Governments on national and regional efforts to monitor and address the impacts of environmental change on cetaceans and other marine mammals
- 12.5 HEALTH ISSUES
 - 12.5.1 Commission discussions and action arising
- 12.6 Other
13. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS
 - 13.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 13.2 Commission discussions and action arising
14. OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, ITS FUTURE WORK PLAN AND ADOPTION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REPORT
 - 14.1 Small cetaceans
 - 14.1.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 14.1.2 Commission discussions and action arising
 - 14.2 Other activities
 - 14.2.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 14.2.2 Commission discussions and action arising
 - 14.3 Scientific Committee Future Work Plan
 - 14.3.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 14.3.2 Commission discussions and action arising
 - 14.4 Adoption of the Report
15. INFRACTIONS, 2001 SEASON
 - 15.1 Report of the Infractions Sub-committee
 - Infractions reports from Contracting Governments
 - Surveillance of whaling operations
 - Information required or requested under Section VI of the Schedule
 - Submission of national laws and regulations concerning whaling.
 - Reports from Contracting Governments on availability, sources and trade in whale products
 - 15.2 Commission discussions and action arising

16. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

16.1 Annual Meeting arrangements and procedures

16.1.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

- Verbatim Record
- Document preparation and distribution
- Improved guidance on credentials
- Determining the duration of Annual Commission Meeting and associated meetings
- Need for a Technical Committee

16.1.2 Commission discussions and action arising

16.2 Membership of the Budgetary Sub-committee

16.2.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

16.2.2 Commission discussions and action arising

16.3 Adoption of revised Rule of Procedure B.1 on Meetings

[At last year's meeting, the Commission agreed to revise Rule of Procedure B.1 but to postpone formal adoption until IWC/54 to comply with the 60-day notice period required. Revisions to B.1 are shown in bolded italics below:

B. Meetings

- 1. The Commission shall hold a regular Annual Meeting in such place as the Commission may determine. Any Contracting Government desiring to extend an invitation to the Commission to meet in that country shall give formal notice **two years in advance**. A **formal offer should include:***

- (a) which meetings it covers, i.e. **Scientific Committee, Commission sub-groups, Annual Commission meeting;***
- (b) **a proposed time window within which the meeting will take place; and***
- (c) **a timetable for finalising details of the exact timing and location of the meeting.***

Attendance by a majority of the members of the Commission shall constitute a quorum. Special Meetings of the Commission may be called at the direction of the Chairman after consultation with the Contracting Governments.]

17. FORMULA FOR CALCULATING CONTRIBUTIONS

17.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

17.2 Commission discussions and action arising

18. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND BUDGETS

18.1 Review of the provisional financial statement, 2001/2002

18.1.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

18.1.2 Commission discussions and action arising

18.2 Consideration of estimated budgets, 2002/2003 and 2003/2004

18.2.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

18.2.2 Commission discussions and action arising

19. ARREARS OF FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS

19.1 Report of the Finance and Administration Committee

19.2 Commission discussions and action arising

20. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

21. DATE AND PLACE OF ANNUAL AND INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS

21.1 55th Annual Meeting, 2003

21.2 56th Annual Meeting, 2004

[As indicated in item 16.2, meeting venues should be decided 2 years in advance. To date, the Secretariat has not received any offers or expressions of interest from Contracting Governments to host the 2004 Annual Meeting. In the absence of any such offer in Shimonoseki, the Secretariat will arrange for the meeting to be held in the UK.]

21.3 Other

22. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

[St. Lucia has now completed its two-year term on the Advisory Committee and a new member must be appointed.]

23. SECRETARY'S REPORT

[At last year's meeting, the Commission agreed to replace the 'Annual Report' by a 'Secretary's Report' that would be a more informative standalone document. Contracting Governments will be invited to provide feedback on the first Secretary's Report].

24. SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND REQUIRED ACTIONS

[The Chair or Secretary will summarise briefly the decisions taken during the 54th Annual Meeting, and the follow-up actions required. It will include any financial consequences arising from decisions in Plenary and not already provided for in the budget. The Chair will not allow discussion under this item, except for clarification.]

25. OTHER MATTERS