

Voting Record for IWC/54, May 2002

A description and outcome of the votes taken is provided below. Individual countries' votes are indicated in the Tables attached. In the tables, NP = not participating.

Monday, 20 May

1. Agenda item 1.1, Opening Statements. The Commission agreed (by show of hands (23:5)) that Peru's repayments schedule was sufficient to allow Peru to vote.
2. Agenda item 1.1, Opening Statements. Iceland again adhered to the Convention with a reservation to the commercial whaling moratorium (para 10(e) of the Schedule). The Chair ruled that the status of Iceland is as agreed last year i.e. that *'Iceland is invited to assist at an observer'*. The Chair's ruling was challenged, and the appeal put to a vote (**Vote A**). There were 20 votes in support of the appeal and 25 against. The appeal failed and the Chair's ruling upheld.
3. Agenda item 1.3, Secretary's report on credentials. The Chair ruled that Item 1.3 was closed. The Chair's ruling was challenged and the appeal put to a vote (**Vote B**). There were 17 votes in support of the appeal, 24 against and 3 abstentions; 1 country was absent. The appeal failed and the Chair's ruling upheld.
4. Agenda item 3, Secret ballots. The Chair ruled that the debate on Japan's proposal for change to the Rules of Procedure regarding the use of secret ballots (see 5) should be limited to two countries speaking in support of the proposal and two countries speaking against. The Chair's ruling was challenged and the appeal put to a vote (**Vote C**). There were 19 votes in support of the appeal, 24 against and 2 abstentions. The appeal failed and the Chair's ruling upheld.
5. Agenda item 3, Secret ballots. Japan proposed a change to the Rules of Procedure E.3(d) relating to secret ballots (see proposal in Provisional Annotated Agenda). The proposal was put to a vote (**Vote D**) but failed to attract a majority. There were 19 votes for, 25 against, and 1 abstention.

Tuesday, 21 May

6. Agenda item 11, Socio-economic implications and small-type whaling. Japan's proposed Schedule amendment (see proposal in Provisional Annotated Agenda) to add a new para 10 (f) for a take of 50 minke whales to alleviate hardship in 4 community-based whaling communities of Japan failed when put to a vote (**Vote E**). There were 20 votes for, 21 against and 3 abstentions. 1 country was absent.
7. Agenda item 10.2, South Pacific Sanctuary. The proposed Schedule amendment of Australia and New Zealand to add a new para 7 to establish a South Pacific Sanctuary (see the provisional agenda) failed to achieve the necessary three-quarter majority when put to a vote (**Vote F**). There were 24 votes for, 16 against and 5 abstentions).
8. Agenda item 10.3, South Atlantic Sanctuary. The proposed Schedule amendment of Brazil and Argentina to add a new para to Chapter III to establish a South Atlantic Sanctuary (see the provisional agenda) failed to achieve the necessary three-quarter majority when put to a vote (**Vote G**). There were 23 votes for, 18 against, and 4 abstentions.
9. Agenda item 10.4, Sanctuaries – 'other'. Japan's proposed Schedule amendment regarding the Southern Ocean Sanctuary (see document IWC/54/31) failed (**Vote H**). There were 17 votes for, 25 against and 2 abstentions. 1 country was absent.
10. Agenda item 10.1, Reviews of sanctuaries. A Resolution proposed by Mexico on Guidance to the Scientific Committee on the Sanctuary Review Process (see document IWC/54/26 rev with revisions) was adopted (**Vote I**). There were 24 votes for, 19 against and 1 abstention. 1 country was absent.

Wednesday, 22 May

11. Agenda item 6.3.2, Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling catch limits. Following discussion of the order in which to discuss requests for Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling catch limits, the Chair ruled that the order should be as given in the agenda (Bowheads first). The Chair's ruling was challenged and the appeal put to a vote (**Vote J**). There were 16 votes in support of the appeal, 23 against and 5 abstentions, so the Chair's ruling was upheld. 1 country did not participate in the vote.
12. Agenda item 6.3.2. The USA/Russian Federation proposed a Schedule amendment (IWC/54/20) for an aboriginal subsistence quota of bowhead whales for the years 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007. Norway

proposed some amendments to the USA proposal. There then followed a debate on the interpretation of Rules of Debate E.2. Two possibilities were discussed; i.e.

Interpretation 1: that the amendments themselves be put to a vote, needing a simple majority to be decisive. If the amendments are agreed, then the amended text as a whole is voted on (which in this case would need a three-quarter majority).

Interpretation 2: that the amended text be put directly to a vote.

The Chair ruled that interpretation 2 applied. The Chair's ruling was challenged and the appeal was put to a vote (**Vote K**). There were 25 votes in support of the appeal, 16 against and 3 abstentions. 1 country was absent. The Chair's ruling was defeated in favour of interpretation 1, i.e. the vote should not be direct but rather should be a 2-stage process.

13. Agenda item 6.3.2. Norway's proposed changes to the USA/Russian Federation Schedule amendment (IWC/54/20) (to set a quota of bowhead whales for the years 2003 and 2004 only) was put to the vote and failed (**Vote L**). There were 14 votes for, 27 against and 3 abstentions. 1 country was absent.

Thursday, 23 May

14. Agenda item 6.3.2. The Schedule amendment proposed by USA/Russian Federation (IWC/54/20) (to set a quota of bowhead whales for the years 2003 - 2007) was put to the vote but failed to achieve the necessary three-quarter majority (**Vote M**). There were 30 votes for, 14 against and 1 abstention.
15. Japan's proposed amendments to the Schedule to complete the RMS (IWC/54/34) failed (**Vote N**). There were 16 votes for, 25 against and 3 abstentions. 1 country did not participate.
16. Sweden et al's proposed amendments to the Schedule to complete the RMS (IWC/54/35) failed (**Vote O**). There were 12 votes for, 24 against and 7 abstentions. Two countries did not participate.

Friday, 24 May

17. IWC/54/22 (proposed Schedule amendment to set Aboriginal Subsistence quota for gray whales) was adopted by consensus.
18. IWC/54/19 (proposed Schedule amendment to set Aboriginal Subsistence quota for Greenland minke whales) was adopted by consensus.
19. IWC/54/25 rev3 amended (proposed Schedule amendment to set Aboriginal Subsistence quota for St Vincent and the Grenadines humpback whales) was adopted by consensus.
20. The Chair ruled that Japan's proposed amendment to USA/Russian Federation document IWC/54/57 could not be allowed as it related to a different agenda item. The Chair's ruling was challenged and the appeal was put to a vote (**Vote P**). There were 17 votes in support of the appeal, 27 against and 1 abstention). The appeal failed and the Chair's ruling was therefore upheld.
21. The Schedule amendment proposed by USA/Russian Federation (IWC/54/57) (to set a quota of bowhead whales for the years 2003 - 2007) failed to achieve the necessary three-quarter majority required and therefore failed (**Vote Q**). There were 32 votes for, 11 against and 2 abstentions.
22. The proposal of Argentina and Antigua and Barbuda for an interim measure for financial contributions (IWC/54/59) was adopted by simple majority (**Vote R**). There were 21 votes in favour, 12 against and 10 abstentions. One country did not participate and another was absent.

	A Appeal against Chair's ruling on Iceland			B Appeal against Chair's ruling to close item 1.3			C Appeal on Chair's ruling to limit debate on item 3 – secret ballots			D Japan's proposed amendments to RoP E.3(d) on secret ballots		
	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs
Antigua & Barbuda	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Argentina		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Australia		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Austria		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Benin	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Brazil		✓			✓				✓		✓	
Chile		✓			✓			✓			✓	
China, People's Rep.	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Costa Rica												
Denmark	✓			✓					✓		✓	
Dominica	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Finland	✓				✓			✓			✓	
France		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Gabon	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Germany		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Grenada	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Guinea, Rep. of	✓			✓			✓			✓		
India		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Ireland		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Italy		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Japan	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Kenya												
Korea, Republic of		✓				✓		✓				✓
Mexico		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Monaco		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Mongolia	✓					✓	✓			✓		
Morocco	✓				✓		✓			✓		
Netherlands		✓			✓			✓			✓	
New Zealand		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Norway	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Oman		✓			✓			✓		✓		
Palau	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Panama	✓			✓			✓			✓		
Peru		✓			✓		✓				✓	
Portugal		✓				absent		✓			✓	
Russian Federation	✓			✓			✓			✓		
St. Kitts and Nevis	✓			✓			✓			✓		
St. Lucia	✓			✓			✓			✓		
St. Vincent & G.	✓			✓			✓			✓		
San Marino		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Senegal												
Solomon Islands	✓			✓			✓			✓		
South Africa		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Spain		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Sweden		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Switzerland		✓				✓		✓			✓	
UK		✓			✓			✓			✓	
USA		✓			✓			✓			✓	
Totals	20	25		17	24	3	19	24	2	19	25	1
Outcome	Ruling upheld			Ruling upheld			Ruling upheld			Proposal failed		

	E Japan's proposed Sched. amend. for interim quota of 50 minke whales			F Australia/NZ proposed Sched. amend. to create South Pacific Sanctuary			G Brazil/Argentina proposed Sched. amend to create South Atlantic Sanctuary			H Japan's proposed Sched amend re Southern Ocean Sanctuary		
	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs
Antigua & Barbuda	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Argentina		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Australia		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Austria		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Benin	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Brazil		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Chile			✓	✓			✓				✓	
China, People's Rep.	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Costa Rica												
Denmark	✓				✓			✓			✓	
Dominica	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Finland		✓		✓			✓				✓	
France		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Gabon	✓			✓				✓		✓		
Germany		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Grenada	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Guinea, Rep. of	✓				✓			✓		✓		
India		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Ireland		✓				✓			✓		✓	
Italy		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Japan	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Kenya												
Korea, Republic of			✓		✓			✓		✓		
Mexico		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Monaco		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Mongolia	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Morocco	✓					✓			✓			✓
Netherlands		✓		✓			✓				✓	
New Zealand		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Norway	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Oman	✓					✓			✓		✓	
Palau	✓				✓			✓		✓		
Panama	✓			✓				✓		✓		
Peru			✓	✓			✓					absent
Portugal			absent	✓			✓				✓	
Russian Federation	✓				✓			✓		✓		
St. Kitts and Nevis	✓				✓			✓		✓		
St. Lucia	✓				✓			✓		✓		
St. Vincent & G.	✓					✓			✓			✓
San Marino		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Senegal												
Solomon Islands	✓					✓		✓		✓		
South Africa		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Spain		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Sweden		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Switzerland		✓		✓			✓				✓	
UK		✓		✓			✓				✓	
USA		✓		✓			✓				✓	
Totals	20	21	3	24	16	5	23	18	4	17	25	2
Outcome	Proposal failed			Proposal failed			Proposal failed			Proposal failed		

	I Resolution on guidance to the SC on sanctuary reviews (IWC/54/26 rev with revisions)			J Appeal against Chair's ruling on order ASW catch limits would be discussed			K Appeal against Chair's interpretation of the Rules of Debate E.2			L Norway's proposed changes to USA/Russian Federation proposed Sched. amend (IWC/54/20) re bowhead catch limits		
	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs
Antigua & Barbuda		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Argentina	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Australia	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Austria	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Benin		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Brazil	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Chile	✓					✓	✓				✓	
China, People's Rep.			✓			✓		✓		✓		
Costa Rica												
Denmark		✓			✓		✓				✓	
Dominica		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Finland	✓				✓		✓				✓	
France	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Gabon		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Germany	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Grenada		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Guinea, Rep. of		✓		✓				✓		✓		
India	✓			✓			✓				✓	
Ireland	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Italy	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Japan		✓		✓				✓				✓
Kenya												
Korea, Republic of		✓				✓			✓		✓	
Mexico	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Monaco	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Mongolia		✓		✓				✓				✓
Morocco		✓				NP			✓		✓	
Netherlands	✓				✓		✓				✓	
New Zealand	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Norway		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Oman	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Palau		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Panama		✓		✓				✓				✓
Peru			absent			✓	✓				✓	
Portugal	✓					✓			absent			absent
Russian Federation		✓			✓		✓				✓	
St. Kitts and Nevis		✓		✓				✓		✓		
St. Lucia		✓		✓				✓		✓		
St. Vincent & G.		✓		✓				✓		✓		
San Marino	✓				✓				✓	✓		
Senegal												
Solomon Islands		✓		✓				✓		✓		
South Africa	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Spain	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Sweden	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Switzerland	✓				✓		✓				✓	
UK	✓				✓		✓				✓	
USA	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Totals	24	19	1	16	23	5	25	16	3	14	27	3
Outcome	Resolution adopted			Ruling upheld			Ruling defeated			Proposal failed		

	M USA/Russian Fed. Proposed Schedule amend. re bowhead catch limits (IWC/54/20)			N Japan's proposed Sched amend. to complete the RMS (IWC/54/34)			O Sweden et al's proposed Sched. amend. to complete the RMS (IWC/54/34)			P Appeal against Chair's ruling that Japan's amendments to USA/Russian Federation proposed Sched. amend. could not be allowed		
	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs
Antigua & Barbuda		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Argentina	✓				✓				✓		✓	
Australia	✓				✓			✓			✓	
Austria	✓				✓			✓			✓	
Benin		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Brazil	✓				✓				✓		✓	
Chile	✓				✓		✓				✓	
China, People's Rep.			✓	✓				✓		✓		
Costa Rica												
Denmark	✓					NP			NP			✓
Dominica		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Finland	✓				✓		✓				✓	
France	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Gabon		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Germany	✓				✓			✓			✓	
Grenada		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Guinea, Rep. of		✓		✓				✓		✓		
India	✓				✓			✓			✓	
Ireland	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Italy	✓				✓				✓		✓	
Japan		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Kenya												
Korea, Republic of	✓			✓				✓			✓	
Mexico	✓				✓			✓			✓	
Monaco	✓				✓				✓		✓	
Mongolia		✓		✓				✓		✓		
Morocco	✓			✓					NP	✓		
Netherlands	✓				✓		✓				✓	
New Zealand	✓				✓			✓			✓	
Norway	✓					✓		✓		✓		
Oman	✓				✓		✓				✓	
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Panama		✓		✓				✓		✓		
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Portugal	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Russian Federation	✓					✓		✓			✓	
St. Kitts and Nevis		✓		✓				✓		✓		
St. Lucia		✓		✓				✓		✓		
St. Vincent & G.		✓				✓			✓	✓		
San Marino	✓				✓				✓		✓	
Senegal												
Solomon Islands		✓		✓				✓		✓		
South Africa	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Spain	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Sweden	✓				✓		✓				✓	
Switzerland	✓				✓		✓				✓	
UK	✓				✓			✓			✓	
USA	✓				✓				✓		✓	
Totals	30	14	1	16	25	3	12	24	7	17	27	1
Outcome	Proposal failed			Proposal failed			Proposal failed			Ruling upheld		

	Q USA/Russian Federation proposed Sched amend for bowhead catch limit (IWC/54/57)			R Argentina/Antigua & Barbuda proposal for interim measure for financial contributions (IWC/54/59)								
	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs	Yes	No	Abs
Antigua & Barbuda		✓		✓								
Argentina	✓			✓								
Australia	✓				✓							
Austria	✓				✓							
Benin		✓		✓								
Brazil	✓			✓								
Chile	✓			✓								
China, People's Rep.			✓	✓								
Costa Rica												
Denmark	✓					✓						
Dominica		✓		✓								
Finland	✓					✓						
France	✓				✓							
Gabon		✓		✓								
Germany	✓				✓							
Grenada		✓		✓								
Guinea, Rep. of		✓		✓								
India	✓					NP						
Ireland	✓					✓						
Italy	✓				✓							
Japan		✓		✓								
Kenya												
Korea, Republic of	✓					✓						
Mexico	✓				✓							
Monaco	✓				✓							
Mongolia		✓		✓								
Morocco	✓			✓								
Netherlands	✓					✓						
New Zealand	✓				✓							
Norway	✓			✓								
Oman	✓					✓						
Palau		✓		✓								
Panama			✓	✓								
Peru	✓			✓								
Portugal	✓					✓						
Russian Federation	✓			✓								
St. Kitts and Nevis		✓		✓								
St. Lucia		✓		✓								
St. Vincent & G.	✓					absent						
San Marino	✓					✓						
Senegal												
Solomon Islands	✓			✓								
South Africa	✓					✓						
Spain	✓				✓							
Sweden	✓					✓						
Switzerland	✓				✓							
UK	✓				✓							
USA	✓				✓							
Totals	32	11	2	21	12	10						
Outcome	Proposal failed			Proposal adopted								