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Further documents for IWC/61 and reminder on credentials and information on delegations

1. Documents now available

The documents now available are listed in the table attached, including whether or not they can be downloaded from the website.

With respect to discussions on the future of IWC, please note that Document IWC/61/FUTURE 1 is a draft agenda intended to guide discussions during the sessions on 17 June (afternoon), 18 June (morning), 21 June (private meeting of Commissioners) and also during the plenary week.

To access documents on the website, you can go straight to the following link:

http://www.iwcoffice.org/_documents/commission/IWC61docs/iwc61docs.htm

Please keep checking the website as documents will continue to be added as they are received by the Secretariat.

We kindly ask you to **BRING COPIES OF PRE-CIRCULATED DOCUMENTS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING** as we do not intend to provide extra copies on a routine basis.

2. Information on delegations

If you have not already done so, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving information on delegation numbers and names for the meetings of the Commission's subgroups and for the Commission as soon as possible.

3. Credentials

It is important that proper written credentials are forwarded to the Secretariat in advance of, or are presented at, the meeting as set out in Rule of Procedure D (below). **It is particularly important that the letter of credentials indicates the Commissioner and any alternates. Fax or email notifications will not be accepted as the formal credentials, although advance notification by these means is helpful.**

D. Credentials

1.(a) The names of all representatives of member and non-member governments and observer organisations to any meeting of the Commission or committees, as specified in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, Technical and Scientific Committees, shall be notified to the Secretary in writing before their participation and/or attendance at each meeting. For member governments, the notification shall indicate the Commissioner, his/her alternate(s) and advisers, and the head of the national delegation to the Scientific Committee and any alternate(s) as appropriate.

The written notification shall be made by governments or the heads of organisations as the case may be. In this context, 'governments' means the Head of State, the Head of Government, the Minister of Foreign Affairs (including: on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs), the Minister responsible for whaling or whale conservation (including: on behalf of this Minister), the Head of the Diplomatic Mission accredited to the seat of the Commission or to the host country of the meeting in question, or the Commissioner appointed under Rule A.1.

(b) Credentials for a Commissioner appointed for the duration of a meeting must be issued as in D.1(a). Thereafter, until the end of the meeting in question, that Commissioner assumes all the powers of a Commissioner appointed under A.1., including that of issuing credentials for his/her delegation.

(c) In the case of members of delegations who will attend the Annual Commission Meeting and its associated meetings, the notification may be made en bloc by submitting a list of the members who will attend any of these meetings.

(d) The Secretary, or his/her representative, shall report on the received notifications at the beginning of a meeting.

(e) In case of any doubt as to the authenticity of notification or in case of apparent delay in their delivery, the Chair of the meeting shall convene an *ad hoc* group of no more than one representative from any Contracting Government present to decide upon the question of participation in the meeting.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

IWC/61 Documents available as of 8 June 2009

			Date circulated/ made available	On website ?	French and/or Spanish translation available?
Commission documents					
IWC/61/	1	Draft list of documents	23/04/09	Yes	
	2	Annotated Provisional Agenda	23/04/09	Yes	Yes (both)
	5rev	Financial Statements	23/04/09	Yes	
	6	Report of the Small Working Group (SWG) on the Future of the International Whaling Commission	18/05/09	Yes	
	7rev	Chair's Report of the Intersessional Meeting on the Future of IWC	25/03/09	Yes	
	8	Australian comment on the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Issues Relating to the Scientific Committee	14/05/09	Yes	
Documents from earlier meetings					
IWC/M09/	5	Report of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Scientific Committee	18/05/09	Yes	
Further Discussions on the Future of IWC					
IWC/61/FUTURE	1	Draft agenda – this is intended to guide the structure of the discussions throughout all sessions (i.e. 17, 18, 21 June and during plenary)	7/06/09	Yes	
	2	List of documents	7/06/09	Yes	
Conservation Committee					
IWC/61/CC	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	Yes	
	3	Country Report on Ship Strikes (submitted by Australia)	14/05/09	Yes	
	4	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report (submitted by Australia)	14/05/09	Yes	
	5	Outline proposal for a joint IWC-ACCOBAMS workshop on reducing risk of collisions between vessels and cetaceans	15/05/09	Yes	
	6	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report: New Zealand	20/05/09	Yes	
	7	Long-term acoustic monitoring of baleen whales in the Southern and Indian Sanctuaries (submitted by France)	22/05/09	Yes	French
	8	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report: Panama	22/05/09	Yes	Spanish only at present
	9	Report of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Whalewatching (submitted by Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Mexico and South Africa)	29/05/09	Yes	
	10	Whalewatching in the Canary Islands (submitted by Spain)	29/05/09	Yes	
	11	Ship Strikes Working Group: Fourth progress report to the Conservation Committee	30/05/09	Yes	
	12rev	Actions to reduce the threat of ship collisions with southern right whales in Patagonia Argentina (submitted by Argentina)	02/06/09	Yes	
	13	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report 2009: United Kingdom	02/06/09	Yes	
	14	Update on the United States' actions to reduce the threat of ship collisions with large whales (submitted by the USA)	03/06/09	Yes	
	15	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report: United States	03/06/09	Yes	

Infractions Sub-committee					
IWC/61/INF	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	Yes	
Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee					
IWC/61/ASW	1	Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	Yes	
	3	Aboriginal harvest of gray and bowhead whales by Russian indigenous people in 2008 (Submitted by Russian Federation) – <i>version without Annexes – full document available at IWC/61</i>	08/06/09	Yes	
Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues					
IWC/61/WKM&AWI	1	Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	Yes	
	3rev ¹	Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1999-1): Euthanasia of stranded whales beyond all hope of rescue (submitted by New Zealand)	15/05/09	Yes	
	4	Report on weapons, techniques, and observations in the Alaskan bowhead whale subsistence hunt	06/06/09	Yes	
	5	Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1999-1) (Submitted by the Russian Federation) – <i>version without Annex – full document available at IWC/61</i>	08/06/09	Yes	
F&A Committee					
IWC/61/F&A	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	No	
	3	Secretariat proposal to revise the definition of the phrase ‘received by the Commission’ in the context of Financial Regulations F ‘Arrears of Contributions’	14/05/09	No	
IWC/M09/	5	Report of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Scientific Committee	18/05/09	Yes	
		Commission document			
IWC/61	5rev	Financial Statements	23/04/09	Yes	

¹ Note that there was an error in the title of the document originally posted on 14/05/09