

## REVISED TIMELINE TO ASSIST IN THE PROCESS TO AGREE ANY REQUESTED CHANGES TO ASW STRIKE/CATCH LIMITS

**Note:** This is an updated version of Appendix 5 of the ASW Subcommittee Report (IWC67/REP/02) which was endorsed by the Commission at IWC67, revised to reflect (i) the potential for automatic renewal of strike/catch limits and (ii) the change in timeline of Commission meetings in light of the postponement of IWC68 from autumn 2020 to autumn 2022

**Note:** for illustrative purposes this table assumes that the Commission continues to meet every 2 years.

Date	Scientific Committee activities	Contracting Government/Commission Activities
Ongoing		Secretariat works with ASW countries to update Descriptions of Hunt when needed and make available on the IWC website.
<b>Year 3 2021</b>		
	(1) SC reviewed ASW strike/catch limits and related issues - no new information (2) Appropriate <i>Implementation Reviews</i> completed (3) Publication of advice in SC report	No Commission meeting. ASW update provided by ASW Chair at Virtual Special Meeting, 8-10 September 2021.
<b>Year 4 2022</b>		
Two weeks prior to SC meeting	SC68D will meet 26 April – 8 May 2022 in Bled, Slovenia.	<u>Only in case of any proposed change in strike/catch limit</u> ASW countries submit any proposals for consideration of changed strike/catch limits (including carryover provisions) to the SC.
April/ May	(1) SC reviews new scientific information on ASW stocks. (2) For each stock, SC determines whether an early Implementation Review is required. (3) Appropriate <i>Implementation Reviews</i> completed. (4) Progress on relevant activities under workplan (e.g., ongoing regular and early Implementation Reviews) (5) Publication of advice in SC report  If any proposals from an ASW country are received in sufficient time before the 2022 SC meeting, the SC will evaluate it/them against the relevant agreed <i>Strike Limit Algorithm</i> and include advice in its report, or outline any further work and develop a workplan to be able to provide this advice by the 2024 SC meeting.	<b>3 weeks after close of SC meeting:</b> <u>Only in the case of any proposed changes to strike/catch limits</u> , Secretariat to send Circular Communication to IWC Contracting Governments and observers to highlight: (a) any proposed changes to strike/catch limit (b) SC advice on sustainability of ASW strike/catch limits proposals or its workplan to complete analysis of proposals; and, (c) availability of 'Descriptions of the hunts' relevant to ASW strike/catch limit requests on the website. The Circular will request written comments related to proposed strike/catch limits at least 30 days before the Biennial Commission Plenary Meeting and invite interested governments to attend the ASW Subcommittee meeting.
30 days before 2022 Commission meeting		Submission of written comments by Contracting Governments and Observers on the ASW strike/catch limit proposals. These comments may be developed into documents for review by the ASW Subcommittee.

10 days before Commission plenary meeting		<p><u>Only in case of any proposed changes in strike/catch limit and/or other proposed amendment to Schedule paragraph 13:</u></p> <p>Written responses by ASW Contracting Governments to comments received above provided to IWC, made into ASW Sub-committee documents and placed on meeting website.</p>
Oct	2022	<p><b>IWC 68</b></p> <p>Commission evaluation of any new SC advice on ASW strike/catch limits and decision on any proposed changes to Schedule paragraph 13.</p> <p><u>If one or more ASW countries know that they are considering a potential change in a strike/catch limit proposal for the 2026-31 block initial discussions will occur during this Commission meeting.</u></p>
<b>Year 5 2023</b>		
	<p>1) SC review of ASW strike/catch limits and related issues - if there is new information</p> <p>(2) Appropriate <i>Implementation Reviews</i> completed.</p> <p>(3) Activities under workplan if necessary</p> <p>(4) Publication of advice in SC report</p>	No Commission Meeting
<b>Year 6 2024</b>		
Two weeks prior to 2024 SC meeting		<p><u>Only in case of any proposed change in strike/catch limit</u> ASW countries submit any proposal for consideration of changed strike/catch limits (including carryover provisions) to the SC.</p>
April/ May	<p>(1) SC reviews new scientific information on ASW stocks</p> <p>(2) For each stock, SC determines whether an early Implementation Review is required.</p> <p>(3) Appropriate <i>Implementation Reviews</i> completed.</p> <p>(4) Progress on relevant activities under workplan (e.g., ongoing regular and early Implementation Reviews)</p> <p>(5) Publication of advice in SC report</p> <p>If any proposals from an ASW country is received in sufficient time before the 2022 SC meeting, the SC will evaluate it/them against the relevant agreed <i>Strike Limit Algorithm</i> and include advice in its report, or outline any further work and develop a workplan to be able to provide this advice by the 2024 SC meeting.</p>	<p><b>3 weeks after close of SC meeting:</b></p> <p><u>Only in the case of any proposed changes to strike/catch limits.</u> Secretariat to send Circular Communication to IWC Contracting Governments and observers to highlight:</p> <p>(a) any proposed changes to strike/catch limit</p> <p>(b) SC advice on sustainability of ASW strike/catch limits proposals or its workplan to complete analysis of proposals; and,</p> <p>(c) availability of 'Descriptions of the hunts' relevant to ASW strike/catch limit requests on the website. The Circular will request written comments related to proposed strike/catch limits at least 30 days before the Biennial Commission Plenary Meeting and invite interested governments to attend the ASW Sub-committee meeting.</p>

90 days before Commission plenary meeting		<p><u>Only in case of any proposed changes in strike/catch limit or other proposed amendment to Schedule paragraph 13.</u> Proposed strike/catch limit and associated schedule amendments are provided by ASW countries, made into Commission documents and placed on meeting website. Updated Descriptions of Hunts published on website as needed.</p>
30 days before Commission plenary meeting [1]		<p><u>Only in case of any proposed changes in strike/catch limit and/or other proposed amendment to Schedule paragraph 13.</u> Submission of written comments on proposed strike/catch limit changes from Contracting Governments and Accredited Observers. These may be made into documents for the ASW Sub-Committee meeting.</p>
10 days before Commission plenary meeting		<p><u>Only in case of any proposed changes in strike/catch limit and/or other proposed amendment to Schedule paragraph 13:</u> Written responses by ASW Contracting Governments to comments received above provided to IWC, made into ASW Sub-committee documents and placed on meeting website.</p>
Sept/Oct		<p><b>IWC 69:</b> Commission evaluation of SC advice. ASW countries identify if changes in the 'Description of the hunt' have been made and Commission reviews ASW catch limits in light of the approach agreed at IWC 68. Decision taken for block 2026-31. <u>Three potential scenarios may be envisaged.</u></p> <p><b>A. Status quo (no change in science or strike limit request)</b> If the Commission determines that the current ASW catch limits <i>will not</i> harm the relevant stock(s), and the ASW countries are not seeking a change in their catch or strike limits, then the relevant ASW catch limits are automatically extended for an additional six years from <b>2026 through 2031.</b></p> <p><b>B: No change in strike limit request but change in science</b> If the SC is <i>unable to</i> advise that the existing ASW limits will not harm the relevant stock(s), then the <i>relevant</i> limits will <b>not</b> automatically be extended. A Commission decision on the relevant limit(s) will be required based upon SC advice on what is acceptable.</p> <p><b>C: Change in strike limit request:</b> If a request for a change in any ASW limit is put forward then a Commission decision on the relevant limit(s) will be required based upon SC advice.</p>

<b>2025 Year 7</b>		
	(1) SC review of ASW limits and related issues - if new information (2) Appropriate <i>Implementation Reviews</i> completed.	New block for 2026-31 starts on 1 January 2026.

Notes:

[1] In accordance with Rule of Procedure J4 which states that If a proposal to amend Schedule paragraph 13 is circulated to the Commissioners 90 days or more in advance of the Commission meeting during which the proposal is to be discussed, then Contracting Governments should endeavour to submit comments on the proposal for circulation to the Commissioners at least 30 days in advance of the meeting to facilitate consideration by the Commission. Any responses made to comments received should also be circulated to all Commissioners as soon as possible