

68th Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING SUB-COMMITTEE

16:00-18:00Hrs Friday 14 October 2022 at the Grand Hotel Bernardin, Portorož, Slovenia

PROVISIONAL AGENDA
and annotations

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- 1.1 Appointment of Chair [Bruno Mainini, Switzerland, is proposed]
- 1.2 Appointment of Rapporteurs
- 1.3 Review of Documents
- 1.4 Observer Participation [Relevant Rules of Procedure are given at the end of this agenda]

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. SUMMARY OF SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE PROGRESS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The Scientific Committee considers stocks subject to aboriginal subsistence whaling and related issues within its Sub-committee on Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling (ASW) and its Sub-committee on Implementation Reviews and Simulation Trials (IST) with input from other Scientific Committee sub-groups. The Scientific Committee has developed an ASW management procedure approach to ensure that the levels of proposed ASW catches are safely within the Commission's objectives.

This item allows the Scientific Committee to update the Commission on its work related to ASW stocks and the management procedure approach for subsistence whaling.

4. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

In Resolution 2014-4 the Commission emphasised the need to regulate ASW in the future through a more consistent and long-term approach. This Resolution inter alia requested the Scientific Committee to give high priority to all AWMP-related activities.

The Commission has set objectives for the management of aboriginal subsistence whaling to: (a) ensure that the risks of extinction to individual stocks are not seriously increased by subsistence whaling (highest priority); (b) enable aboriginal people to harvest whales in perpetuity at levels appropriate to their cultural and nutritional requirements, subject to the other objectives; and (c) maintain the status of stocks at or above the level giving the highest net recruitment and to ensure that stocks below that level are moved towards it, so far as the environment permits.

The Commission endorsed a process (Appendix 5 IWC/67/REP/02) for the automatic renewal of strike/catch limits. This item allows the Commission to consider the implications of potential changes to the Scientific Committee meeting programme in relation to the requirements of the agreed timeline.

5. ONGOING IMPLEMENTATION OF AD-HOC ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING WORKING GROUP RECOMMENDATIONS

At IWC63 in 2011 the Commission endorsed a recommendation to form an Ad Hoc Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Working Group (ASWWG). The group's terms of reference were to identify and consider unresolved ASW issues. In 2015, an Expert Workshop was held in Maniitsoq Greenland and the report from this workshop was considered by the Commission at IWC66. The Commission agreed that progress with respect

to the recommendations from the Maniitsoq workshop should be considered by the ASWWG. A meeting of the ASWWG was held in Barrow in April 2018, at which it completed its work. The report and recommendations of the ASWWG were endorsed at IWC67.

A recommendation of the ASWWG (Document IWC/67/ASW/REP/01) called for a survey of international indigenous and human rights instruments, in order to inform the Commission's role in addressing indigenous rights. It recommended that the IWC Secretariat, in consultation with interested members of the ASWWG and experts who attended the Maniitsoq Workshop, develop Terms of Reference for such a review.

This item allows for a review of the draft Terms of Reference and Call for Tender.

- 5.1 Review of Draft Terms of Reference and Call for Tender
- 5.2 Discussion and recommendations

6. OTHER MATTERS

7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

The Chair will propose to adopt the report by correspondence.

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee are to consider relevant information and documentation from the Scientific Committee, and to consider nutritional, subsistence and cultural needs relating to aboriginal subsistence whaling and the use of whales taken for such purposes, and to provide advice on the dependence of aboriginal communities on specific whale stocks to the Commission for its consideration and determination of appropriate management measures (*Rep. Int. Whal. Commn* 48: 31)

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

Rule of Procedure C.2

2. Observers accredited in accordance with Rule [of procedure] C.1.(a) and (b) are admitted to all meetings of the Commission and the Technical Committee, and to any meetings of Committees and all subsidiary groups of the Commission and the Technical Committee, except the Commissioners-only meetings, meetings of the Bureau and closed meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee.

SPEAKING RIGHTS FOR OBSERVERS

Rule of Procedure C.3

3. Observers accredited in accordance with rule C.1.(a) and (b) will have speaking rights during Plenary sessions and sessions of Commission subsidiary groups and Committees to which they are admitted to under C.2, in accordance with the Rules of Debate of the Commission. Observers might also submit documents for information to the delegations and observers participating in such sessions, provided these are submitted through the Secretariat at least 48 hours before the session in which they are intended to be made available, and are duly authored or endorsed by the accredited organisation making the submission, which is to be held responsible for its contents.

Rules of Debate Paragraph A

A. Right to Speak

1. The Chair shall call upon speakers in the order in which they signify their desire to speak, with the exception of accredited Observers, which should be allowed to speak only after all Commissioners desiring to speak do so. As a general rule, Observers will only be allowed to speak once at each Agenda item under discussion, and at the discretion of the Chair.