

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS, CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
AND MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
IWC.ALL.119

Revised schedule of meetings for IWC/60, Santiago, Chile

Please find attached the revised schedule of meetings for IWC/60 in Chile. The schedule for IWC/60 agreed in Anchorage (see Circular Communication IWC.ALL.114 of 19 December 2007) was amended at the recent Intersessional Meeting on the Future of IWC to allow more time to discuss follow-up to the intersessional meeting.

The dates of the Scientific Committee and the Commission plenary remain unchanged.

The amendments only affect the week when the Commission's various sub-groups will meet, i.e. during the period Tuesday 17 to Friday 20 June 2008. The main change is that the planned 1-day workshop on welfare issues associated with entangled/entrapped cetaceans (originally scheduled for Monday 16 June) has been replaced by a half-day scoping meeting for this workshop. The intention is that the workshop organising committee established at IWC/59 in Anchorage and comprising Norway, Australia, USA, Denmark (Greenland) and the Secretariat will meet on Tuesday 17 June to develop a draft agenda, identify experts who should be involved and further plans for the workshop including timing (e.g. whether it should be held prior to or associated with IWC/61 in 2009). The Conservation Committee, Finance and Administration Committee and Infractions, Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling and Budgetary Sub-committees will meet as initially planned, although there have been some changes to the timings of these meetings.

Discussions on follow-up to the March intersessional meeting will take place on Thursday 19 June (full day) and Friday 20 June (morning) and during the private meeting of Commissioners on Sunday 22 June, for which a whole day has now been allowed.

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REVISED Schedule of Meetings during the 60th Annual Meeting, Santiago, Chile 2008

| Day no. | | Date | | Activity | | |
|---------|-----------|------|------|---|--|---|
| 1. | Thursday | 29 | May | Set-up (and pre-meetings of the Scientific Committee on 30 and 31 May ¹) | | |
| 2. | Friday | 30 | May | | | |
| 3. | Saturday | 31 | May | | | |
| 4. | Sunday | 1 | June | Scientific Committee (13 days) | | |
| 5. | Monday | 2 | June | | | |
| 6. | Tuesday | 3 | June | | | |
| 7. | Wednesday | 4 | June | | | |
| 8. | Thursday | 5 | June | | | |
| 9. | Friday | 6 | June | | | |
| 10. | Saturday | 7 | June | | | |
| 11. | Sunday | 8 | June | | | |
| 12. | Monday | 9 | June | | | |
| 13. | Tuesday | 10 | June | | | |
| 14. | Wednesday | 11 | June | | | |
| 15. | Thursday | 12 | June | | | |
| 16. | Friday | 13 | June | | | |
| 17. | Saturday | 14 | June | Scientific Committee Convenors Meeting | | |
| 18. | Sunday | 15 | June | Preparation of Scientific Committee Report | | |
| 19. | Monday | 16 | June | Preparation of Scientific Committee Report | | |
| | | | | <i>Morning</i> | | <i>Afternoon</i> |
| 20. | Tuesday | 17 | June | CC | | INF |
| | | | | BSC | | |
| | | | | | | Scoping meeting for workshop on welfare issues associated with entangled/entrapped cetaceans ² |
| 21. | Wednesday | 18 | June | ASW | | F&A ³ |
| 22. | Thursday | 19 | June | Follow-up to intersessional meeting on future of IWC | | |
| 23. | Friday | 20 | June | Follow-up to intersessional meeting | | Report preparation & review |
| 24. | Saturday | 21 | June | Report preparation/review/translation | | |
| 25. | Sunday | 22 | June | Private meeting of Commissioners | | |
| 26. | Monday | 23 | June | 60 th Annual Commission Meeting | | |
| 27. | Tuesday | 24 | June | | | |
| 28. | Wednesday | 25 | June | | | |
| 29. | Thursday | 26 | June | | | |
| 30. | Friday | 27 | June | | | |

CC Conservation Committee
ASW Aboriginal Whaling Sub-committee
INF Infractions Sub-committee
BSC Budgetary Sub-committee (not open to observers)
F&A Finance and Administration Committee (not open to observers)

¹ i.e. a 2-day workshop to review skin diseases in cetaceans of South America and pre-meetings of the RMP and AWMP sub-committees (these sub-committees will not meet concurrently).

² The workshop organising committee established at IWC/59 and comprising Norway, Australia, USA, Denmark (Greenland) and the Secretariat will meet to develop a draft agenda, identify experts who should be involved and further plans for the workshop including timing (e.g. whether it should be held prior to or associated with IWC/61 in 2009.).

³ If discussions on the follow-up to the intersessional meeting have budgetary implications, these will need to be addressed before the budget is agreed in plenary