

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
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Letter from the Chair of the Commission
Revision to the schedule of meetings for IWC/62, Agadir, Morocco

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.853 of 12 March that included a schedule of meetings for Commission's sub-groups in the period 15 – 18 June and consultations this week with the Advisory Committee and Secretariat, and with the indulgence of Commissioners and Contracting Governments, I am proposing to revise the schedule of meetings for the Commission's sub-groups so as to make more time available for discussions on the future of the organisation prior to the plenary. This is the most important item on the Commission's agenda and I wish to make certain that we have sufficient time to discuss all issues of importance to member governments so that we are properly prepared for the plenary.

The revised schedule of meetings is shown on the following page. The scheduling of the Scientific Committee and Commission plenary meetings remain unchanged.

The revisions proposed involve the cancellation of the meetings of the Infractions Sub-committee and the Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Animal Welfare Issues. Reporting from governments and discussions on these matters will be done directly in the plenary. I have given very careful thought to these revisions and believe that given the agendas and workload of the different groups, this is the most efficient way to proceed. I must stress that cancelling the meetings of the Infractions Sub-committee and the Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Animal Welfare Issues should by no means be seen as implying that the work of these groups is not important. Be assured that I shall make sure that adequate time is allocated in plenary to addressing these issues.

I look forward to seeing you all in a few weeks time.

Cristian Maquieira
Chair of the Commission

REVISED Schedule of Meetings during the 62nd Annual Meeting, Agadir, Morocco, 2010

Day no.				Date	Activity
1	Thursday	27	May	Set-up (and pre-meeting of the Scientific Committee on 28 and 29 May ¹)	
2	Friday	28	May		
3	Saturday	29	May		
4 - 16	Sunday 30 June To Friday 11 June			Scientific Committee (13 days)	
17	Saturday	12	June	Scientific Committee Convenors Meeting	
18	Sunday	13	June	Preparation of Scientific Committee Report	
19	Monday	14	June	Preparation of Scientific Committee Report	
20				<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>
21	Tuesday	15	June	CC	ASW BSC
22	Wednesday	16	June	Discussions on the Future of IWC	
23	Thursday	17	June	Discussions on the Future of IWC	
24	Friday	18	June	F&A	Preparation and review of sub-group reports/document translation
25	Saturday	19	June	review of sub-group reports/document translation	
26	Sunday	20	June	Private meeting of Commissioners, including discussions on Future of IWC	
27	Monday	21	June	62nd Annual Commission Meeting	
28	Tuesday	22	June		
29	Wednesday	23	June		
30	Thursday	24	June		
31	Friday	25	June		

- CC Conservation Committee
ASW Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee
BSC Budgetary Sub-committee (not open to GO/IGO/NGO observers)
F&A Finance and Administration Committee (not open to GO/IGO/NGO observers)

¹ i.e. a pre-meeting of the RMP and IA Sub-committees