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Commission's Sub-Committees and intersessional Working Groups

I have been asked to provide an update on the structure of the Commission's Sub-Committees and intersessional working groups ahead of the 64th Annual Meeting to be held in Panama 2-6 July 2012.

COMMISSION

Interim Chair: Mr. H. Oosthuizen (South Africa)
Vice Chair: Vacant

Advisory Committee

Members:
Interim Chair of the Commission Mr. H. Oosthuizen (South Africa)
Vice-Chair Vacant
Chair of the F&A Committee Ms. D. Petrachenko (Australia)
Member Vacant
Member Ms. M. Medina (USA)

Finance and Administration Committee

Chair: Ms. D. Petrachenko (Australia)

Intersessional Groups Reporting to the Finance and Administration Committee

1 Budgetary Sub-Committee

Chair: Mr M. Krebs (Switzerland)
Members: Guinea, Guinea Bissau, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Russian Federation, San Marino, St Kitts and Nevis, Switzerland, UK, USA

2 Working Group on Biennial Meetings and Establishment of a Bureau (IGBB)

Chair: Ms D. Petrachenko (Australia)
Members: Brazil, Colombia, Denmark, France, Germany, Iceland, Japan, New Zealand, Switzerland, USA

3 Intersessional Group to examine the issue of a quorum within the IWC Rules of Procedure (IGQ)

Chair: Mr G. van Boheman (New Zealand)
Members: Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Japan, Monaco, New Zealand, Panama, Switzerland, UK, USA

4 Working Group to compile a report on providing assistance to Member Governments with limited means to participate in the Commission's work (WG-AGLM)

Established under Resolution 2011-1

Convened by the Secretary

Members: Ecuador, Japan, Rep. of Palau, USA

5 Intersessional correspondence group on strengthening IWC conservation funding

Chair: Ms N. Clarke (United Kingdom)

Members: Australia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Germany, Monaco, UK, USA

6 Working Group on the role of Observers

Established under Resolution 2011-1

To be convened by the Secretary immediately prior to IWC/64

Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-Committee

Chair: (Japan)

Intersessional groups reporting to the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-Committee:

1 Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Working Group (ASWWG).

Established after Commission endorsement of document IWC/63/12rev. An update of the group's progress was provided in Circular Communication IWC.CCG.984.

Chair: Mr R. Schmitt (USA)

Members: Argentina, Austria, Denmark, Japan, Norway, Russian Federation, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, Switzerland, USA

Conservation Committee

Chair: Lorenzo Rojas-Bracho (Mexico)

Intersessional groups reporting to the Conservation Committee:

1 Ship Strikes Working Group (SSWG)

Chair: Vacant

Members: Australia, Argentina, Brazil, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, Korea, Rep. of, Luxembourg, Portugal, New Zealand, South Africa, Spain, USA

Observers: ASCOBANS, EIA, M.E.E.R e.V.

2 Standing Working Group on Whalewatching (SWG-WW)

Chair: Mr R. Wulff (USA)

Members: Argentina, Australia, Brazil, France, Mexico, New Zealand, South Africa, UK, USA

3 Standing Working Group on Conservation Management Plans (SWG-CMP)

Chair: Ms D. Petrachenko (Australia)

Infractions Sub-Committee

Chair: Mr L. Walløe (Norway)

Whale Killing and Associated Welfare Issues Sub-Committee

Chair: Herman Oosthuizen (South Africa)

The following intersessional Workshop will report to the WKM&AWI Sub-Committee at IWC/64

1 Second IWC Workshop on Welfare Issues Associated with the Entanglement of Large Whales.

Workshop held 24-26 October 2011 at Provincetown, USA. Report circulated via IWC.ALL.174 of 27 January 2012.

At IWC/64 the Whale Killing and Associated Welfare Issues Sub-Committee will also hear a report of an intersessional ad-hoc working group convened by the United Kingdom on animal welfare and ethics.

Scientific Committee

Chair: Debbie Palka (USA)


Vice-Chair: Toshihide Kitakado (Japan)

The Scientific Committee operates 13 Sub-committees. Each Sub-committee's workplan is described in the relevant section of the Scientific Committee report¹ and priorities for discussion at the 2012 meeting are compiled at Section 21 (p.60) of the 2011 report.

The Sub-committees are:

- 1 Revised Management Procedure (RMP)
- 2 Aboriginal Whaling Management Procedure (AWMP)
- 3 Bowhead, Right and Gray whales (BRG)
- 4 In-depth assessment (IA)
- 5 Bycatch and other human-induced mortality (BC)
- 6 Stock definition (SD)
- 7 DNA
- 8 Environmental concerns (E)
- 9 Ecosystem modelling (EM)
- 10 Southern Hemisphere whales other than Antarctic minke whales (SH)
- 11 Small cetaceans (SM)
- 12 Whalewatching (WW)
- 13 Scientific Permits

In addition the Scientific Committee will also hear a report of the intersessional work undertaken by the Southern Ocean Research Partnership (SORP).



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c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC

¹ The Scientific Committee report from its 2011 meeting can be downloaded at http://iwcoffice.org/sci_com/screport.htm