



International
Whaling
Commission

The Red House
135 Station Road
Impington, Cambridge
CB24 9NP, UK

tel: +44 (0) 1223 233971 | fax: +44 (0) 1223 232876
email: secretariat@iwcoffice.org | web: iwcoffice.org

SB/JAC/31615
10 December 2012

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS, CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
AND MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
IWC.ALL.186

Revised Rules of Procedure incorporating changes agreed at IWC/64 in July 2012

Please find enclosed Revised Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations and Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Committee which incorporate the changes adopted by the Commission at IWC/64 held in Panama. The revised rules will be published in due course in the 2012 Annual Report along with the Chair's Report of the 64th Annual Meeting.

The rule changes adopted at IWC/64 enact a transition to biennial (two yearly) Commission meetings. The Scientific Committee will continue to meet on an annual basis. The changes also establish a Bureau which will *inter alia* oversee the Commission's intersessional work and assist with the preparation for the biennial meetings. The amendments to the Rules are shown in ***bold italics***.

Simon Brockington
Executive Secretary

c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC