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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS, CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
AND MEMBERS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
IWC.ALL.201

Allocation of the Research Budget

In response to Circular Communication IWC.ALL.198 on the Scientific Committee's 2013 report and the Committee's proposed allocation of research funds, three Contracting Governments expressed some concerns. These concerns were discussed by the IWC's Bureau at its recent meeting. While the Bureau advised the Chair that these expressions of concern indicated a lack of consensus within the Commission to proceed with the research programme as proposed by the Scientific Committee, it also recognised the great value of the Committee's work, and the difficulties in resolving the issue intersessionally. Accordingly it advised the Chair to contact those Contracting Governments to request that they withdraw their objection to the 2013 programme going ahead.

Subsequently, the Chair wrote to the Governments concerned, and all have agreed that the 2013 programme as included in the Committee's report should proceed. In withdrawing their concerns, these Governments requested that time be made available at IWC65 to discuss the procedure for allocating and prioritising projects considered for research funding.

Contracts for 2013/14 research fund are now being issued through the Secretariat.

Simon Brockington
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