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**Intersessional meeting of the Working Group on the RMS,
Oceanographic Museum, Monte Carlo, Monaco, 6-8th February 2001**

Please find enclosed a provisional draft agenda, discussion and background documents for the intersessional meeting of the RMS Working Group and some practical information on location, transport and accommodation. A note about registration for the meeting and a reminder about credentials is also included.

Documents and Action Required

The principal discussion documents for the meeting are:

- Document 1: Report of the Revised Management Scheme Working Group, 28-29 June 2000, Adelaide (i.e. IWC/52/14)
- Document 2: Proposed Revisions Needed to Incorporate the RMP and RMS into the Schedule. Document 2 is presented in two parts, Part A and B. An explanation for this separation is given in Document 2, Part A.

Document 2 was prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Working Group Chairman as instructed by Resolution 2000-3, and is supported by the following four Background Documents:

1. Resolutions Relevant to Incorporation of the RMP and RMS into the Schedule
2. Scientific Committee Recommendations Relevant to Incorporation of the RMP and RMS into the Schedule
3. Guidelines to Data Collection and Analysis under the Revised Management Scheme (RMS) Other than those Required as Direct Input for the Catch Limit Algorithm (CLA)
4. Requirements and Guidelines for Conducting Surveys and Analysing Data within the Revised Management Scheme.

Only Background Documents 1 and 2 are included with this letter. Background Documents 3 and 4 will follow shortly.

The two principal discussion documents include some introductory text and, to help you prepare for the meeting, an indication of action required by you before and at the meeting.

Regarding Document 1, the Report of the RMS Working Group, you are invited to review and comment on Appendix 4 (the draft of the revised Chapter V of the Schedule) and to provide written comments *prior* to the meeting. **These comments should be submitted to the Secretariat by Monday 15th January 2001.** They will then be collated and circulated to participants before the meeting.

It is not necessary to provide comments on Document 2 (Proposed Revisions Needed to Incorporate the RMP and RMS into the Schedule) before the meeting, but it would be helpful if you could come to Monaco prepared to comment on whether the document is a useful basis on which a Schedule amendment could be prepared and if not, to indicate how it could be improved.

A final Draft Agenda and any additional meeting documents will be distributed as they become available.

Practical Information

The Government of Monaco has kindly provided the following information:

Location:

With respect to logistics, participants are reminded that the Principality of Monaco is tucked on the Mediterranean coast between France and Italy. The Oceanographic Museum is directly accessible by city buses: it is located in the historic village near the Palace, overlooking the sea.

Transportation:

Monaco is easily reached (25 minutes by car or 12 minutes by helicopter) from Nice International Airport which is itself connected by direct daily flights to most European capitals and main cities, and to New York JFK.

Hotels:

The Principality has hotel facilities to meet a wide variety of requirements, ranging from the luxurious (200 US\$) to the 2** (60 US\$) hotels (see tentative list below). As Monaco covers only a square mile, all of its hotels are close to the Oceanographic Museum by foot, lift or city bus. As Monaco is highly popular with tourists and congress participants even in winter, you are advised to book your hotel room as early as possible. Information on these hotels can be obtained via the internet links provided below. However, hard copy information will be sent to you by post. **You are responsible for making your own bookings.**

Hotels in Monaco

[Le Métropole Palace ****L](#)

[Hotel Grand ****](#)

[Le Méridien Beach Plaza****](#)

[Hotel Mirabeau****](#)

[Hotel Columbus ex-Abela***](#)

[Hotel Alexandra***](#)

[Hôtel La Maison D'or***](#)

[Hotel Le Louvre***](#)

[Hotel Ambassador***](#)

[Hotel Le Versailles**](#)

[Hotel Balmoral**](#)

[Hotel Helvetia**](#)

[Hotel de France**](#)

Hotels in the vicinity of Monaco (20 minutes by bus)

in Beausoleil:

[Hotel Forum***](#)

[Hotel Diana**](#)

in Cap d'Ail:

[Hotel Marriot***](#)

[Hotel Normandy**](#)

Registration

Please note that participants arriving in Monaco on Monday 5th February will be able to register for the meeting during the afternoon of Monday. Further details will follow. Otherwise, registration can be done on Tuesday morning.

Credentials

It is important that proper written credentials are forwarded in advance of, or are presented at, the meeting. Fax or email notifications will not be accepted as the formal credentials, although advance notification by these means is helpful.

Finally, I look forward to receiving any comments on Document 1 by 15th January, and to seeing you in Monaco on 6th February 2001.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission