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**Intersessional meeting of the Working Group on the RMS,  
Oceanographic Museum, Monaco, 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> February 2001**

Please find attached:

- the remaining documents for the RMS meeting,
- information on a private Commissioners meeting that Bo Fernholm would like to hold on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 09.00-10.00, and
- information on registration for the RMS meeting.

**RMS documents**

The remaining documents for the RMS include the following:

Provisional Annotated Agenda

- Document 5: Incorporation of catch certification data into the RMS. A paper submitted by New Zealand.
- Document 6: Status of establishing specifications for genetic data required for a diagnostic DNA registry. A paper submitted by New Zealand.
- Document 7: Comments and proposals relation to Chapter V, Supervision and Control (Document 1, Appendix 4). This document includes contributions from Japan, Norway, New Zealand/Sweden (joint proposal), and Sweden
- Document 8: Inclusion of data on whale killing methods and associated welfare issues in Chapter VI (Information Required) of the Schedule. A proposal submitted by the UK.
- Document 9: Extract from the Chairman's Report of the Fifty-Second Annual Meeting, Adelaide, July 2000, covering discussions on the Revised Management Scheme

As indicated in my Circular Communication of 19<sup>th</sup> December 2000, **please bring all documents circulated before the meeting with you to Monaco. We do not intend to provide extra copies of such documents at the meeting.** Note that other documents were also sent to you on two previous occasions, i.e. on 29<sup>th</sup> November and 19<sup>th</sup> December last year.

A list of all documents submitted for the meeting is appended at the end of this letter.

### **Private Commissioners' Meeting**

This meeting will be held in the building of the Ministry of State from 09.00-10.00 on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February.

The Ministry of State is located on Place de la Visitation, which is the small square marking the end of the line for buses 1 and 2. To get there, just board any city bus indicating "Monaco Ville" or "Musee". City buses (in white and red colours) pass frequently at about 5 minutes interval through Monte Carlo where most hotels are located. Once the bus climbs the ramp leading to the famous 'Rocher' it will complete a slow and full U-turn on Place de la Visitation where it will stop for a few minutes letting out all passengers. Just cross the narrow square where indicated, continue a few meters straight across a plaza marked by cypress trees and a fountain. A hostess at the reception desk behind the glass doors will direct you to the main meeting room on the ground floor.

If you get lost between the bus terminal and the meeting room, do not hesitate to ask for directions. Frederic Briand assures me that English is widely spoken in Monaco.

### **Registration for the RMS Meeting**

The registration desk at the Museum will be open at the following times:

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> February:	from 13.30 to 18.00
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February:	from 09.00 to 10.30

As the private Commissioners' meeting ends at 10.00 on Tuesday morning, those Commissioners who have not already registered, should have time to do so before the first session of the RMS Working Group starts at 10.30.

I would like to remind you that 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.

I look forward to seeing you in Monaco.

Dr. Nicky Grandy  
Secretary to the Commission

**List of Documents for the RMS Intersessional**

Document	Title	When circulated
	Provisional Draft Agenda	29/11/00
	Provisional Annotated Agenda	19/01/01
Document 1	Report of the Revised Management Scheme Working Group, 28-29 June 2000, Adelaide (i.e. IWC/52/14)	29/11/00
Document 2	Proposed Revisions Needed to Incorporate the RMP and RMS into the Schedule	29/11/00
Document 3	RMS, Chapter V, Supervision and Control: main issues to be resolved	19/12/00
Document 4	Texts related to DNA identification and tracking.	19/12/00
Document 5	Incorporation of catch certification data into the RMS. A paper submitted by New Zealand.	19/01/01
Document 6	Status of establishing specifications for genetic data required for a diagnostic DNA registry. A paper submitted by New Zealand.	19/01/01
Document 7	Comments and proposals relation to Chapter V, Supervision and Control (Document 1, Appendix 4). This document includes contributions from Japan, Norway, New Zealand/Sweden (joint proposal), and Sweden	19/01/01
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<b>Background Documents Supplementing Document 2</b>		
1.	Resolutions	29/11/00
2.	Scientific Committee Recommendations	29/11/00
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)	19/12/00
4.	Requirements and Guidelines for Conducting Surveys and Analysing Data within the Revised Management Scheme.	19/12/00