



International Whaling Commission

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Delegates Attending Committees and Working Groups 50th Annual Meeting

Following consultations with the Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Commissioners, the following timetable for the 50th Annual Meeting of the Commission and its associated Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups has now been established.

<u>Date</u>		<u>Meeting</u>	<u>Chairman</u>
Monday 11 May	(am)	Humane Killing Working Group	Ms. A. Nouak (Austria)
	(pm)	Finance and Administration Committee	Mr. I. Llewelyn (UK)
Tuesday 12 May		Revised Management Scheme Working Group	Mr. F. von der Assen (Netherlands)
Wednesday 13 May	(am)	Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee	Mr. J. McLay (New Zealand)
	(pm)	Infractions Sub-committee + Reports	(Japan)
Saturday 16 May	(am)	Opening IWC50	Mr. M. Canny (Ireland)
	(pm)	Technical Committee - Whalewatching, Socio-Economic Implications and Small-Type Whaling	Prof. B. Fernholm (Sweden)
Sunday 17 May-)	Plenary	
Wednesday 20 May)		

The Commission's Rule of Procedure M.1 states:

"The Commission shall establish a Scientific Committee, a Technical Committee and a Finance and Administration Committee. Commissioners shall notify their desire to be represented on the Scientific, Technical and Finance and Administration Committees 28 days prior to the meetings, and shall designate the approximate size of their delegations."

It is also the agreed practice of the Commission that

- governments should notify the number of participants at least four weeks before the beginning of any meeting of Committees or Working Groups;

- non-complying governments will have to bear any administrative inconvenience resulting from the default. Any inconvenience should not be detrimental to governments which do comply;
- the Secretariat will, at the time the Agenda is circulated, send to member governments a reply form in order to remind them to notify the number of participants.

[Rep. int. Whal. Commn 39: 28 (1989)]

Member governments are also asked to provide the Secretariat in advance with the number of persons that will attend the plenary.

[Rep. int. Whal. Commn 42: 45 (1992)]

The form for the 1998 meetings of the Commission is now enclosed. Contracting Governments are requested to indicate the number of delegates they expect to attend each of the meetings identified.

The form should be returned by

30 March 1998 with respect to the meeting of the Scientific Committee

and

18 April 1998 for the other Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups, as well as the 50th Annual Meeting of the Commission.

Members of the Commission are reminded of the need for proper accreditation of delegates to all Meetings of the Commission, as set out in Rule of Procedure D:

D. Credentials

1.(a) The names and status of all participants, advisers and observers to any meeting of the Commission or Committees, as specified in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, Technical and Scientific Committees, shall be notified to the Secretary in writing before their participation and/or attendance at each meeting. The written notification shall be made by governments or the authority appointed by them or the heads of organisations as the case may be.

(b) In the case of members of delegations who will attend the Annual Commission Meeting and its associated meetings, the notification may be made *en bloc* by submitting a list of the members who will attend any of these meetings.

(c) The Secretary, or his representative, shall report on the received notifications at the beginning of a meeting.

(d) In case of any doubt as to the authenticity of notification or in case of apparent delay in their delivery, the chairman of the meeting shall convene an *ad hoc* group of no more than one representative from any Contracting Government present to decide upon the question of participation in the meeting.

Note that the official credentials should be in the form of an original written communication from an appropriate authority, in addition to any [electronic] preliminary notification [Rep. int. Whal. Commn 33: 35 (1983); 34: 28 (1984)].



Dr. R. Gambell
Secretary to the Commission

50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL NUMBERS ATTENDING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

MUSCAT, OMAN

Government of _____

Committee/Sub-committee/Working Group	Date	No. in delegation
Humane Killing Working Group	Monday 11 May (am)	_____
Finance and Administration Committee	Monday 11 May (pm)	_____
Revised Management Scheme Working Group	Tuesday 12 May .	_____
Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee	Wednesday 13 May (am)	_____
Infractions Sub-committee	Wednesday 13 May (pm)	_____
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE	Saturday 16 May (pm)	_____
PLENARY	Sunday 17 May - Wednesday 20 May	_____

Signed _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS SECTION BY 18 APRIL 1998



50TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

PROVISIONAL NUMBERS ATTENDING SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

MUSCAT, OMAN

Government of _____

Committee/Working Group	Date	No. in delegation
Scientific Committee	Monday 27 April - Saturday 9 May	_____

Signed _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS SECTION BY 30 MARCH 1998