

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
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Delegates Attending Committees and Working Groups
52nd Annual Meeting

The timetable for the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Commission and its associated Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups to be held in Adelaide, Australia, June – July 2000, was notified in a Circular Communication distributed on 8 December 1999 (ref: RG/JAC/27661; IWC.ALL.23).

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 meetings of the Commission in Adelaide is now appended. 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

17 May 2000 with respect to the meeting of the Scientific Committee

and

5 June 2000 for the other Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups, as well as the 52nd Annual Meeting of the Commission.

Note that no meeting of the Technical Committee is scheduled to be held this year (*Chairman's Report of the 51st Annual Meeting, item 22.7*).

In order to avoid the difficulties which arose at the last Annual Meeting, members of the Commission are reminded of the need for proper accreditation of delegates, 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

52nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL NUMBERS ATTENDING COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Government of _____

Committee/Sub-committee/Working Group	Date	No. in delegation
Revised Management Scheme Working Group	Wednesday 28 – Thursday 29 June	_____
Budgetary Sub-committee	Wednesday 28 (evening)	_____
Contributions Sub-committee	Thursday 29 June (evening)	_____
Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues Working Group	Friday 30 June (am)	_____
Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee	Friday 30 June (pm)	_____
Finance and Administration Committee	Saturday 1 July (am)	_____
Infractions Sub-committee	Friday 1 July (pm)	_____
PLENARY	Monday 3 - Thursday 6 July	_____

Signed _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS SECTION BY 5 JUNE 2000



52nd ANNUAL MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION
PROVISIONAL NUMBERS ATTENDING SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

ADELAIDE, AUSTRALIA

Government of _____

Committee	Date	No. in delegation
Scientific Committee	Wednesday 14 – Monday 26 June	_____

Signed _____ Date _____

RETURN THIS SECTION BY 17 MAY 2000

