

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
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Annotated Provisional Agenda, Finance and Meeting Documents
52nd Annual Meeting, Adelaide, Australia, 3 – 6 July 2000

As indicated in the Circular Communication dated 8 December 1999 (ref: IWC.ALL.23 – RG/JAC/27661) the 52nd Annual Meeting Commission will be held in the Adelaide Convention Centre, South Australia.

- A. In accordance with Rule H.2(d)(ii) of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Secretary encloses with the postal copy of this communication the Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Meeting, to be held 3 – 6 July 2000 (Paper IWC/52/2).

This is based on the Draft Agenda distributed in the Circular Communication dated 24 March 2000 (ref: RG/JAC/27762 - IWC.CCG.102). An additional item and comments have been provided by:

Australia and New Zealand	Agenda item 7.3.2
UK	Agenda item 7.3.2
USA	Agenda items 7.3.2, 10.2.1.4, 12.1.2

The Chairman of the RMS Working Group, Mr Fer von der Assen (Netherlands) has proposed that item 12.1.1 *Inspection and observation scheme* should be in a single framework, and also subsume the DNA identification and tracking item. He expects to have a draft negotiating text of Chapter V of the Schedule 'Supervision and Control', based on the draft submitted last year by Japan and the comments subsequently received from several other countries, available for distribution before the end of May.

- B. In accordance with Rule D.2 of the Commission's Financial Regulations, the Secretary encloses with the postal copy of this communication:

IWC/52/8	Provisional Financial Statement 1999/00 and Provisional Estimate and Financial Contributions 2000/01 and 2001/02	(Agenda items 19.1.1 & 19.1.2)
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- C. The following Annual Meeting document is also enclosed with the postal copy of this communication:

IWC/52/11	Annual Report, 1999-2000, <i>Draft</i>	(Agenda item 24)
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In addition, a document for the Contributions Sub-committee of the Finance & Administration Committee is enclosed in the postal copy:

IWC/52/F&A 3	Membership Contribution Schemes	(Agenda item 19.2.1)
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D. The Government of Japan has requested that its documents

SC/52/O1 Research Plan for Cetacean Studies in the Western North Pacific Under Special Permit (JARPN II)(Feasibility Study plan for 2000 and 2001)

SC/52/O2 Research Plan for the Japanese Whale Research Program Under Special Permit in the Antarctic (JARPA)

should be circulated to Commissioners and members of the Scientific Committee under the strictest confidentiality until after the discussion in the Scientific Committee. Copies were distributed on 27 April (ref: IWC.ALL.30 – RG/JAC/27786). *(Agenda item 13)*

In addition,

IWC/52/15 Need for Annual Meetings *(Agenda Item 20.3.1)*

was distributed by the Secretary on 27 January 2000 (ref: RG/JAC/27682 – IWC.CCG.91).

Any other documents will also be distributed as they become available.

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