

IWC69 Outcomes – Tuesday 24 September 2024 (revised)

This Report records the main outcomes of IWC69. Before each Agenda item is closed, the Chair will read out the decision, which the Secretariat will add to the Main Outcomes Report. The Secretariat will circulate an updated version of this Report at the end of each day, prior to adoption under Item 20.

Item	Title	Closed (time, date)	Main outcomes
7.3	Discussion of the ASW Sub-Committee Report	24.9.24, 09.38	The Commission decides that the ASW Sub-Committee will facilitate a discussion among the hunters from the relevant ASW countries to consider the term ‘aboriginal’ as it applies to their whaling and report back to IWC70 on whether they wish any further action on the use of that term.
			The Commission notes that the ASW Sub-Committee agreed to close its current recommendations which show the excellent progress made on this key part of the IWC’s responsibilities since the two workshops of the ASW Working Group.
7.4	Adoption of the ASW Sub-Committee Report	24.9.24, 09.40	The Commission adopts the ASW Sub-Committee’s Report and its recommendations.
10.1	Report of the F&A Committee	24.9.24, 17.00	The Commission notes the progress of the Voluntary Assistance Fund to date and thanks the donors for their ongoing support.
			The Commission authorises the Chair and Vice-Chair to approve any potential new offers on the sale of the Red House should they fall below the £1.25m threshold set at IWC68, are around market value and are no lower than the net book value of the Red House.
			The Commission approves the creation of a new Intersessional Correspondence Group for Fundraising with the Terms of Reference included in Document FA/69/4.3/01 and invites interested Contracting Governments to join the Group.
			The Commission requests the Budgetary Sub-Committee to develop a recommendation for the management of voluntary funds, which includes, at least, the costs of the Secretariat and administration of the funds.
			The Commission approves the increase in line with inflation in the NGO, Observer and Media fees for the next biennium.
			The Commission notes the vacant seats for the Budgetary Sub-Committee membership and requests volunteers to make themselves known to the Chair of the Committee.
			The Commission approves the closing of 37 Finance and Administration recommendations on the Database of Recommendations.

			<p>The Commission adopts the audited accounts for 2022 and 2023, noting both years received an unqualified audit opinion.</p>
			<p>The Commission recommends intersessional work be undertaken by the Budgetary Sub-Committee with regards to the Auditor’s recommendation to review Financial Regulation F.5(a).</p>
			<p>The Commission approves the signing of two Memorandums of Understanding with the Permanent Secretariat of the Agreement for the Creation of a Sanctuary for Marine Mammals in the Mediterranean and the Permanent Commission for the South Pacific, and one Letter of Intent with the United Nations Environment Programme.</p>
			<p>The Commission notes the expected small deficit of the 2024 financial forecast outturn.</p>
			<p>The Commission thanks the UK Government for their support and the contribution towards the rent and service costs of the new IWC Headquarters and thanks the Government of Germany for their contributions to the running costs of IWC69.</p>
			<p>The Commission agrees to create a Science Liaison Group, with the Terms of Reference included in Document IWC/69/10.1/07/Rev1.</p>