

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO
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First intersessional Workshop for the North Atlantic fin whale *Implementation*

Last year, the Committee recommended that the initiation of the *Implementation* for the North Atlantic fin whales be delayed until 2007 due to the Committee's priorities and workload. As the Bryde's whale *Implementation* is now complete, and the *pre-Implementation Assessment* for the North Atlantic fin whales is completed to the extent necessary to be able to specify *Implementation Simulation Trials* at the 1st Intersessional Workshop, the sub-committee recommended that the Committee could start the *Implementation* with intersessional Workshops in 2007/08.

A small technical Workshop was held in December 2007 in order to produce an initial draft of a trial specification document on the basis of the results of the *pre-Implementation Assessment* report. The 1st intersessional meeting will be held 31 March – 4 April 2007. This will probably be held in Copenhagen, immediately after the AWMP Workshop on the Greenlandic fisheries but to ensure the correct sized meeting venue is arranged, please inform the Secretariat **immediately** if you will be attending (jemma.miller@iwcoffice.org). If you do not reply by Thursday there is a danger we will choose a room too small.

Further details about the meeting, including the final meeting arrangements will be circulated to participants and will be placed on the IWC website (http://www.iwcoffice.org/sci_com/workshops/FINworkshop.htm) in due course.

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