

**64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission**  
**ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING SUB-COMMITTEE**

09.00 Hrs      Wednesday 27 June 2012

PROVISIONAL AGENDA  
and annotations

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- 1.1. Appointment of Chair
- 1.2. Appointment of Rapporteur      [*Greg Donovan, Secretariat, is proposed with support from a national delegate*]
- 1.3. Review of Documents

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

3. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

*Commission Resolution 1994-4 established objectives for aboriginal subsistence whaling and requested the Scientific Committee to develop management regimes that would implement these objectives. In fulfilment of that request the Scientific Committee developed and agreed an ASW management procedure which ensures that proposed ASW catches are safely within the Commission's objectives.*

3.1 Progress with the Greenlandic Research Programme

*In 2008 the Commission adopted the Scientific Committee's interim approach for providing safe advice on the Greenlandic hunts. The Scientific Committee is continuing work to establish a long term method of providing safe advice for the Greenlandic hunts, and had previously requested that more detail be provided to assist development of conversion factors from edible products to whales.*

- 3.1.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
- 3.1.2. Discussion and Recommendations

3.2. *Implementation Review for gray whales*

*The Commission endorsed and adopted the SLA for eastern North Pacific gray whales at its Annual Meeting in 2004. An Implementation Review was completed at IWC/62 in 2010, but because of restricted availability some key data were not able to be included. Accordingly the Scientific Committee have scheduled a further Implementation Review to be completed by 2012 to take account of this previously unavailable data. The Scientific Committee held an intersessional working group meeting in March 2012 in La Jolla, (USA) to progress work on this issue.*

- 3.2.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
- 3.2.2. Discussion and Recommendations

4. ABORIGINAL WHALING SCHEME (AWS)

*This item covers those items of management outside the direct calculation of catch limits, e.g. carry-over, survey guidelines, data collection.*

- 4.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
- 4.2 Discussion and Recommendations

## 5. ASW WORKING GROUP

*At IWC/63 in 2011 the Commission endorsed a recommendation contained in document IWC/63/12rev to form an Ad Hoc Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Working Group (ASWWG). The purpose of the group was to identify and consider unresolved ASW issues, including inter alia those identified in the 2011 report of the ASW Sub-committee. This item will allow the Sub-committee to hear the report of the ASWWG.*

- 5.1. Report of the Ad Hoc Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Working Group
- 5.2. Discussion and Recommendations (including workplan)

## 6. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING CATCH LIMITS

*Catch limits for these stocks were agreed at the 2007 Annual Meeting for a period of five years, with the exception of the catch of West Greenland humpback whales which was agreed at the 2010 Annual Meeting for a period of two years. In some cases it was agreed that the catch limits should be reviewed annually and in other cases they were dependent on additional Scientific Committee advice.*

- 6.1. Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock of bowhead whales (annual review)
  - 6.1.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
  - 6.1.2. Consideration of need
  - 6.1.3. Discussion and Recommendations
- 6.2. North Pacific Eastern stock of gray whales (annual review)
  - 6.2.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
  - 6.2.2. Consideration of need
  - 6.2.3. Discussion and Recommendations
- 6.3. Common minke whale stocks off Greenland (annual review)

*For the common minke whale catch limits from the West Greenland stock the Schedule states that the provision will 'be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the 5 year period and if necessary amended on basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee'.*

- 6.3.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
- 6.3.2. Consideration of need
- 6.3.3. Discussion and Recommendations
- 6.4. West Greenland stock of fin whales

*For this stock no provision for annual review included in the Schedule so this item is included in case there are any relevant Scientific Committee comments or recommendations.*

- 6.4.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
- 6.4.2. Consideration of need
- 6.4.3. Discussion and Recommendations
- 6.5. West Greenland stock of bowhead whales

*For bowhead whales of West Greenland, the Commission agreed that the 'quota for each year shall only become operative when the Commission has received advice from the Scientific Committee that the strikes are unlikely to endanger the stock'. The Schedule also states that 'this provision will be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the 5 year period and if necessary amended on the basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee'.*

- 6.5.1. Information from the Government of Canada
- 6.5.2. Report of the Scientific Committee
- 6.5.3. Discussion of need
- 6.5.4. Discussion and Recommendations

## 6.6. Humpback whales off West Greenland

*For humpback whales off West Greenland the Schedule states that the provision will 'be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the remaining quota period and if necessary amended on the basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee'.*

6.6.1. Report of the Scientific Committee

6.6.2. Consideration of need

6.6.3. Discussion and Recommendations

## 6.7. North Atlantic humpback whales off St. Vincent and the Grenadines

*The Schedule does not make a provision for annual review of this quota so the item is included in case there are any relevant Scientific Committee comments or recommendations.*

6.7.1. Report of the Scientific Committee

6.7.2. Consideration of need

6.7.3. Discussion and Recommendations

## 7 OTHER MATTERS

## 8 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee are to consider relevant information and documentation from the Scientific Committee, and to consider nutritional, subsistence and cultural needs relating to aboriginal subsistence whaling and the use of whales taken for such purposes, and to provide advice on the dependence of aboriginal communities on specific whale stocks to the Commission for its consideration and determination of appropriate management measures (*Rep. Int. Whal. Commn* 48: 31)

### ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

#### *Rule of Procedure C.2*

Observers accredited in accordance with Rule [of procedure] C.1.(a) and (b) are admitted to all meetings of the Commission and Technical Committee, and to any meetings of subsidiary groups of the Commission and Technical Committee, except the Commissioners-only meetings and the meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee.