

64th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

WHALE KILLING METHODS AND ASSOCIATED WELFARE ISSUES WORKING GROUP

09.00 Hrs Monday 25 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. DATA PROVIDED ON WHALES KILLED

This item allows Contracting Governments to provide the information specified in Resolutions 1999-1 and 2001-2. Resolution 1999-1 encouraged reporting of data on whales killed including the number killed by each method, the number killed instantaneously, times to death, number of whales targeted and missed, number of whales struck and lost, calibre of rifle where used, number of bullets used and methods to determine unconsciousness/time to death. Resolution 2001-2 encouraged governments to submit information on variance data on times to death (to the extent possible) and comparative data from the killing of other large mammals.

4. INFORMATION ON IMPROVING THE HUMANENESS OF WHALING OPERATIONS

This item allows Contracting Governments to provide information specified in Resolution 1997-1 and supported by Resolution 2001-2. Resolution 1997-1 concerns steps being taken to improve the humaneness of aboriginal whaling operations. Resolution 2001-2 encourages all Contracting Governments to provide appropriate technical assistance to reduce time to unconsciousness and death in all whaling operations.

5. WELFARE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENTANGLEMENT OF LARGE WHALES

At IWC/63 in 2011 the WKM&AWI working group endorsed a series of recommendations presented through document IWC/63/WKM&AWI 18. Among other things, these recommendations included a proposal to convene a second workshop on welfare issues and large whale entanglement response to be held in Provincetown, USA in October 2011. This item will allow the working group to consider the report of the workshop.

5.1. Presentation of the report of the second IWC workshop on welfare issues associated with the entanglement of large whales (Document IWC/64/WKM&AWI Rep 1)

5.2. Working group discussions and action arising

6. WHALE WELFARE

6.1. Intersessional work by the United Kingdom on welfare and ethics

At IWC/63 in 2011 the Commission considered the outputs of a workshop convened by the UK on issues relating to welfare and ethics in the context of the IWC. At IWC/63 no consensus existed on the UK's proposal to establish an ad-hoc group to develop further recommendations, and so it stated its intention to take the work forwards intersessionally in collaboration with those countries that had expressed support. This item will allow the working group to consider the results of the intersessional work undertaken by the UK.

6.1.1. Report on intersessional work by the UK

6.1.2. Working group discussions and action arising including future workplan

7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Working Group is established to review information and documentation available with a view to advising the Commission on whale killing methods and associated welfare issues (*Chairman's Report of the 52nd Annual Meeting* held in 2000).

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