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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
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Discussions on the RMS and minor revision to the schedule of meetings during IWC/56

Circular Communication IWC.ALL.71 of 5 November 2003, indicated that two sessions had been set aside at IWC/56 in Sorrento for discussions on the RMS, i.e. during the afternoon of Thursday 15 July and then during the first part of the morning on Friday 16 July 2004. The Circular also indicated that the type of RMS meeting would depend on how discussions proceeded in the small group convened by the Chair to 'explore ways and possibilities of taking the RMS process forward'.

The Chair's small RMS group met at the Secretariat's offices in Cambridge from 9-10 December 2003 and from 10-12 March 2004. As a result of these meetings, the Chair has decided that the RMS session on 15 July should be set aside for a further meeting of his small group, and that this should be followed by a private Commissioners' meeting on the RMS on 16 July when he will report back on his intersessional work and make suggestions on how to proceed. The Chair also proposes that the Commissioners' meeting on the RMS be held after the meeting of the F&A Committee, thus needing a minor revision in the schedule of meetings. In this way discussions can continue later in the day if necessary.

The revised schedule of meetings for IWC/56 is attached.

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Secretary to the Commission

Revised Schedule of Meetings during the 56th Annual Meeting, Sorrento, Italy, 2004

Sunday	27 June	Secretariat set-up	<i>possible pre-meeting of AWMP group</i>	
Monday	28 June			Southern Ocean Sanctuary Review pre-meeting (28-29 June)
Tuesday	29 June	Scientific Committee		
until				
Saturday	10 July			
Sunday	11 July	Scientific Committee Convenors Meeting		
Monday	12 July	Preparation of Scientific Committee Report		
		<i>Morning</i>	<i>Afternoon</i>	
Tuesday	13 July	Set-up and registration for Commission sub-groups	BS-C	
Wednesday	14 July	ASW	CC	
Thursday	15 July	INF	CC	RMS 1
Friday	16 July	F&A		RMS 2
Saturday	17 July	Review sub-group reports		
Sunday	18 July	Registration	Private Commissioners' meeting	
Monday	19 July	56th Annual Meeting		
Tuesday	20 July			
Wednesday	21 July			
Thursday	22 July			

- BS-C Budgetary Sub-committee (not open to observers)
- ASW Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee
- CC Conservation Committee
- INF Infractions Sub-committee
- RMS 1 Chair's small group on the RMS (not open to observers)
- RMS 2 Private Commissioners' meeting on the RMS (not open to observers)
- F&A Finance and Administration Sub-committee (not open to observers)