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<u>Documents for the meeting of the RMS Working Group,</u> Borgholm, Sweden, from 29 November to 1 December 2004

Please note the following draft list of documents for the forthcoming meeting of the RMS Working Group:

IWC/N04/RMSWG

- 1 Draft Agenda
- 2 Draft list of documents
- 3 List of Participants
- 4 Responses to the questionnaire relating to 'call for comments/positions on key issues in relation to the Chair's Proposals for a Way Forward on the RMS'
- 5 Excerpt from the Draft Chair's Report of the 56th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission concerning RMS discussions (Annual Meeting agenda item 6.2) (prepared by the Secretariat)
- 6 Some responses to concerns about the RMP expressed in questionnaire responses (preliminary title)
- 7 Overview of the monitoring, control and surveillance regimes of other international fisheries management bodies (*prepared by the Secretariat*)
- 8 Background Document on VMS in relation to the RMS (prepared by the Secretariat)
- 9 Discussion document on oversight of DNA registers/market sampling
- 10 Draft Resolution on measures to deter illegal, unreported and unregulated whaling (prepared by the Secretariat
- 11 Discussion document on catch documentation (prepared by the Secretariat)
- 12 Discussion document: The RMS and lifting of Schedule paragraph 10(e) (prepared by the Secretariat)

Documents from previous meetings

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- 26 Chair's Proposals for a Way Forward on the RMS
- 27 Summary of status of discussions on RMS elements and related issues as of 55th Annual Meeting in Berlin
- 28 Statement from Henrik Fischer, Chair of the Commission, to the Private Meeting of Commissioners/Alternate Commissioners on the 16th July 2004
- 36 Discussion document: Further Work Required on the RMS based on IWC/56/26

Resolution 2004-6

On completion of the Revised Management Scheme (RMS)

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- 3 Report of the RMS Working Group on Catch Verification
- 4 Report of the RMS Working Group on Costs

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1 Report of the Revised Management Scheme Expert Drafting Group

The following documents are now available on the IWC website:

• IWC/N04/RMSWG 1, 2, 4, 10 and 12.

Note: Document 4 collates responses to the questionnaire relating to 'call for comments/positions on key issues in relation to the Chair's Proposals for a Way Forward on the RMS'. Any further responses received will be circulated as addenda.

All documents from previous meetings

To retrieve the documents, just following go to the page on our website: www.iwcoffice.org/commission/rmsdocs.htm, or from the homepage, click on 'RMS Working Group 2004'. The documents will only be emailed to those who have specifically requested them (see Circular Communication IWC.CCG.440 of 28 October).

You will be notified as and when further documents become available, but it might also be a good idea to check the website periodically for new information.

We kindly ask you to bring copies of pre-circulated documents with you to the meeting. We do not intend to provide extra copies of these in Borgholm.

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