

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
IWC.CCG.626

Reminders and further documents for IWC/59

1. Information on delegations

Further to Circular Communication IWC.CCG.596 of 15 February 2007, if you have not already done so, the Secretariat would appreciate receiving information on delegation numbers and names for the meetings of the Commission's subgroups and for the Commission as soon as possible.

2. Credentials

If you have not already done so, please make sure that credentials conforming with IWC's criteria as set out in Rule of Procedure D, are forwarded to the Secretariat in advance of, or are presented at, the meeting:

D. Credentials

1.(a) The names of all representatives of member and non-member governments and observer organisations to any meeting of the Commission or committees, as specified in the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, Technical and Scientific Committees, shall be notified to the Secretary in writing before their participation and/or attendance at each meeting. For member governments, the notification shall indicate the Commissioner, his/her alternate(s) and advisers, and the head of the national delegation to the Scientific Committee and any alternate(s) as appropriate.

The written notification shall be made by governments or the heads of organisations as the case may be. In this context, 'governments' means the Head of State, the Head of Government, the Minister of Foreign Affairs (including: on behalf of the Minister of Foreign Affairs), the Minister responsible for whaling or whale conservation (including: on behalf of this Minister), the Head of the Diplomatic Mission accredited to the seat of the Commission or to the host country of the meeting in question, or the Commissioner appointed under Rule A.1.

(b) Credentials for a Commissioner appointed for the duration of a meeting must be issued as in D.1(a). Thereafter, until the end of the meeting in question, that Commissioner assumes all the powers of a Commissioner appointed under A.1., including that of issuing credentials for his/her delegation.

(c) In the case of members of delegations who will attend the Annual Commission Meeting and its associated meetings, the notification may be made en bloc by submitting a list of the members who will attend any of these meetings.

(d) The Secretary, or his/her representative, shall report on the received notifications at the beginning of a meeting.

(e) In case of any doubt as to the authenticity of notification or in case of apparent delay in their delivery, the Chair of the meeting shall convene an *ad hoc* group of no more than one representative from any Contracting Government present to decide upon the question of participation in the meeting.

To ensure voting rights, letters of credentials **must** indicate who is the Commissioner and/or Alternate Commissioner as it is only these designated officials that are allowed to vote. It is also important that an original version of the credentials is either handed over to the Secretariat in Anchorage or sent to our offices in the UK. Fax or email notifications will not be accepted as the formal credentials.

3. New documents

The following documents are either already available on IWC's website:

Conservation Committee

IWC/59/CC 9: France voluntary cetacean conservation report for the year 2006
IWC/59/CC 10: New Zealand: Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report

Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee

IWC/59/ASW 3rev: Rational for needs of aboriginal people of the Russian Federation for gray and bowhead whales harvest in 2008-2012 (submitted by the Russian Federation)
IWC/59/ASW 6: Quantification of subsistence and cultural need for bowhead whales by Alaska Eskimos: 2007 update based on 2000 US census data
IWC/54/AS 1: Quantification of subsistence and cultural need for bowhead whales by Alaska Eskimos: 1997 update based on 1997 Alaska Department of Labor and Data

Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Animal Welfare Issues

IWC/59/WKM&AWI4: Report on weapons, techniques and observations in the Alaskan bowhead whale subsistence hunt (submitted by the US)

To access these documents, you can go straight to the following link:
<http://www.iwcoffice.org/documents/commission/IWC59docs/iwc59docs.htm>.

Please also find attached the following F&A Committee document:

IWC/58/24: Non-governmental organisation accreditation and participation in IWC Annual Meetings: a recommended approach

The wrong document (IWC/58/28) was distributed in an earlier Circular Communication (IWC.CCG.621).

4. Documents now available

The documents now available are listed in the table attached, including whether or not they can be downloaded from the website. Documents newly available are indicated in **bold** type.

We kindly ask you to **BRING COPIES OF PRE-CIRCULATED DOCUMENTS WITH YOU TO THE MEETING** as we do not intend to provide extra copies of these documents in Anchorage on a routine basis.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

IWC/59 Documents available as of 14 May 2007

			Date circulated/ made available	On website?
Commission documents				
IWC/59/	1	Draft list of documents	30/04/07	Yes
	2	Annotated Provisional Agenda	29/03/07	Yes
	5	Financial Statements	29/03/07	Yes
	7	Summary Report of the Conference for the Normalization of the International Whaling Commission, February 13-15, 2007, Tokyo, Japan	27/02/07	Yes
	8	Review of commercial humpback whale watching activities in the South Pacific (Submitted by France – also available in French)	30/04/07	Yes
	9	Proposed Schedule amendment to permit the catching of minke whales from the Okhotsk Sea-West Pacific Stock by small-type coastal whaling vessels	19/04/07	Yes
	10	Commercial whale watching off the French Mediterranean coast: Whale watching in the Mediterranean, questions of sustainable development (Submitted by France – also available in French)	30/04/07	Yes
IWC/57/	4 rev	The South Atlantic: a sanctuary for whales (submitted by Argentina, Brazil and South Africa)	30/04/07	Yes
Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee				
IWC/59/ASW	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	29/03/07	Yes
	3	Rational for needs of aboriginal people of the Russian Federation for gray and bowhead whales harvest in 2008-2012 (submitted by the Russian Federation)	30/04/07	Yes
	3rev	Rational for needs of aboriginal people of the Russian Federation for gray and bowhead whales harvest in 2008-2012 (submitted by the Russian Federation)	08/05/07	Yes
	4	Studies of Sea Ice Condition in the East Siberian, Chukchi, Bering and Beaufort Seas (1979-2006) (submitted by the Russian Federation)	30/04/07	Yes
	6	Quantification of subsistence and cultural need for bowhead whales by Alaska Eskimos: 2007 update based on 2000 US census data	08/05/07	Yes
IWC/54/AS	1	Quantification of subsistence and cultural need for bowhead whales by Alaska Eskimos: 1997 update based on 1997 Alaska Department of Labor and Data	08/05/07	Yes
Infractions Sub-committee				
IWC/59/INF	1	Draft Agenda (and annotations)	29/03/07	Yes
Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues				
IWC/59/WKMAWI	1	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	29/03/07	Yes
	4	Report on weapons, techniques and observations in the Alaskan bowhead whale subsistence hunt (submitted by the US)	09/05/07	Yes

Conservation Committee				
IWC/59/CC	Irev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	29/03/07	Yes
	4	Country Report on Ship Strikes: Australia	13/04/07	Yes
	5	Update on whale protection measures in the Pacific Region: Information Paper (submitted by Australia)	13/04/07	Yes
	6	Australia: Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report	13/04/07	Yes
	7	The project for a marine mammal sanctuary in the French West Indies in 2007 (Submitted by France – also available in French)	30/04/07	Yes
	8	Pelagos Sanctuary for marine mammals in the Mediterranean (Submitted by France in the name of the secretariat of Pelagos and the three parties of the agreement – Monaco, Italy, France – also available in French).	30/04/07	Yes
	9	France voluntary cetacean conservation report for the year 2006	11/05/07	Yes
	10	New Zealand: Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report	14/05/07	Yes
IWC/57/CC	7	Outline Proposal for the IWC Conservation Agenda		Yes
IWC/58	Rep 5	Report of the Conservation Committee		Yes
F&A Committee Special Session				
IWC/59/F&A SS	1	Draft Agenda (and annotations)	29/03/07	No
	3	Possible options to consider regarding meeting frequency of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies (submitted by the Secretariat)	26/04/07 (Circ. Comm IWC.CCG.619)	No
IWC/57/F&A	9	A preliminary exploration of the possibilities and implications of less frequent meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary groups	26/04/07 (Circ. Comm IWC.CCG.619)	No
IWC/58/F&A	5	Discussion document: Further thoughts on reducing the frequency of IWC meetings	26/04/07 (Circ. Comm IWC.CCG.619)	No
	5 add	A very hypothetical set of examples as to how a 2-year cycle might work	26/04/07 (Circ. Comm IWC.CCG.619)	No
F&A Committee				
IWC/59/F&A	Irev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	29/03/07	No
	3	Expression of interest from SWITZERLAND in hosting the IWC Secretariat	15/02/07 (Circ. Comm IWC.CCG.597)	No
	4	Expression of interest from GERMANY in hosting the IWC Secretariat	15/02/07 (Circ. Comm IWC.CCG.597)	No
	5	Exploration of the introduction of French and Spanish as Working Languages of the IWC: how to address the requests made in Resolution 2006-3	20/04/07 (Circ. Comm IWC.CCG.618)	No
IWC/58/	24	Non-governmental organisation accreditation and participation in IWC Annual Meetings: a recommended approach	14/05/07 (This circular)	No

