

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
IWC.CCG.692

Annotated Provisional Agenda for IWC/60, other documents and distribution procedure

1. Procedure for distributing documents

The procedure for distributing documents for IWC/60 is described below:

Non-confidential documents

All non-confidential documents for the meeting of the Commission and its sub-groups are being made available to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and observers via IWC's public website. *Copies of such documents will only be sent by email to those Commissioners and Contracting Governments who specifically request them. Please inform Julie Creek (Secretariat@iwcoffice.org) if you wish to receive documents by email.*

It is assumed that unless we have received a specific request, member governments will download documents from the website. To access these documents, you can go straight to the following link:
<http://www.iwcoffice.org/documents/commission/IWC60docs/iwc60docs.htm>

Confidential documents

Confidential documents such as those for the F&A Committee are not being made available from the website. Instead they will continue to be distributed by email or hard copy as appropriate.

2. Documents now available

The Annotated Provisional Agenda and other draft agenda and documents now available are listed in the table attached, including whether or not they can be downloaded from the website. French and Spanish translations of the Annotated Provisional Agenda will be made available in due course. Please note that a draft agenda for the sessions on 19 and 20 June to discuss the follow-up to the Intersessional Meeting on the Future of the IWC is not yet available. It will be circulated as soon as possible.

The Revised Draft Agenda for the Finance and Administration Committee (IWC/60/Rep 2) is attached to this Circular Communication.

You will be notified as soon as other documents become available. Please note that Contracting Governments are encouraged to submit documents for the meetings of the Commission and its sub-groups by **9 May** (Circular Communication IWC.CCG.679). Unless marked as confidential, all documents (except F&A Committee documents) will be posted on the website.

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 Santiago on a routine basis. /.

Finally I would like to remind you that Opening Statements must be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 17.00 on the first day of the plenary meeting, i.e. Monday 23 June 2008. The Secretariat will adhere strictly to this deadline. Please see Circular Communication IWC.CCG.679 for further guidance on Opening Statements.

I look forward to seeing you in Santiago.

Dr. Nicky Grandy
Secretary to the Commission

IWC/60 Documents available as of 24 April 2008

			Date circulated/ made available	On website?	French and/or Spanish translation available?
Commission documents					
IWC/60/	1	Draft list of documents	24/04/08	Yes	
	2	Annotated Provisional Agenda	24/04/08	Yes	<i>To come</i>
	5	Financial Statements	24/04/08	Yes	
	7	Chair's Report of the Intersessional Meeting on the Future of IWC	23/04/08	Yes	<i>To come</i>
		For information			
IWC/M08/INFO 11		Whale Conservation and Management: A Future for the IWC (submitted by Australia)	6/03/08	Yes	Yes
Conservation Committee					
IWC/60/CC	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	24/04/08	Yes	
Infractions Sub-committee					
IWC/60/INF	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	24/04/08	Yes	
Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee					
IWC/60/ASW	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	24/04/08	Yes	
F&A Committee					
IWC/60/F&A	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	24/04/08	No	