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**Report of the Small Working Group on the Future of the IWC and
a letter from the Chair of the Commission**

Please find attached:

- a letter from Bill Hogarth, Chair of the Commission and
- the Report of the Small Working Group (SWG) on the Future of the International Whaling Commission, 18 May 2009 (Document IWC/61/6).

The SWG report is also available via IWC's website at:

http://www.iwcoffice.org/_documents/commission/IWC61docs/iwc61docs.htm

Please note that Document IWC/M09/5: Report of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Scientific Committee Issues is also now available on the website on the Annual Meeting page.

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/61 Documents available as of 18 May 2009

			Date circulated/ made available	On website?	French and/or Spanish translation available?
Commission documents					
IWC/61/	1	Draft list of documents	23/04/09	Yes	
	2	Annotated Provisional Agenda	23/04/09	Yes	Yes
	5rev	Financial Statements	23/04/09	Yes	
	6	Report of the Small Working Group (SWG) on the Future of the International Whaling Commission	18/05/09	Yes	
	7rev	Chair's Report of the Intersessional Meeting on the Future of IWC	25/03/09	Yes	
	8	Australian comment on the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Issues Relating to the Scientific Committee	14/05/09	Yes	
Documents from earlier meetings					
IWC/M09/	5	Report of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Scientific Committee	18/05/09	Yes	
Conservation Committee					
IWC/61/CC	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	Yes	
	3	Country Report on Ship Strikes (submitted by Australia)	14/05/09	Yes	
	4	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report (submitted by Australia)		Yes	
	5	Outline proposal for a joint IWC-ACCOBAMS workshop on reducing risk of collisions between vessels and cetaceans	15/05/09	Yes	
Infractions Sub-committee					
IWC/61/INF	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	Yes	
Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee					
IWC/61/ASW	1	Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	Yes	
Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues					
IWC/61/WKM &AWI	1	Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	Yes	
	3rev¹	Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1999-1): Euthanasia of stranded whales beyond all hope of rescue (submitted by New Zealand)	15/05/09	Yes	
F&A Committee					
IWC/61/F&A	1rev	Revised Draft Agenda (and annotations)	23/04/09	No	
	3	Secretariat proposal to revise the definition of the phrase 'received by the Commission' in the context of Financial Regulations F 'Arrears of Contributions'	14/05/09	No	

¹ Note that there was an error in the title of the document originally posted on 14/05/09