

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS
IWC.CCG.882

IWC/62: Further documents, announcement and reminders

This Circular addressed the following items:

1. Discussions on the Future of the IWC;
2. Documents now available;
3. Information on delegations;
4. Credentials;
5. Annual Meeting for 2011.

1. Discussions on the Future of the IWC

Please find attached the draft agenda and draft list of documents in relation to the discussions on the future of the IWC that begin in Agadir on Wednesday 16 June. The draft agenda is intended to guide the structure of discussions throughout all the sessions on the organisation's future (i.e. pre-plenary and plenary). These documents are also available on IWC's website at: <http://www.iwcoffice.org/documents/commission/IWC62docs/iwc62docs.htm>.

Important note – before the formal session starts on Wednesday 16 June, the IWC Chair would like to meet with Commissioners and any alternates for an informal consultation regarding arrangements for and approaches to the discussions on the future of the IWC. He would like to start this informal consultation at 09.00. The formal session, which will be open to observers, will start at 11.00.

2. Documents now available

The documents currently available for the Commission plenary and its subgroups are listed in the table attached, including whether or not they can be downloaded from the website.

Please keep checking the website as documents will continue to be added as they are received by the Secretariat.

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 on a routine basis.

3. Information on delegations

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.

4. Credentials

It is important that proper written credentials are forwarded to the Secretariat in advance of, or are presented at, the meeting as set out in Rule of Procedure D (below). **It is particularly important that the letter of credentials indicates the Commissioner and any alternates and that the original version is provided. Fax or email notifications will not be accepted as the formal credentials, although advance notification by these means is helpful.**

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.

5. Annual Meeting in 2011

In Circular Communication IWC.CCG.854 of 15 March 2010, the Secretariat called for expressions of interest in hosting part (e.g. Scientific Committee or Commission plenary) or all of a meeting in 2011. Such expressions would greatly assist preparations should the Commission decide to hold an Annual Meeting next year. No expressions of have yet been received. If any Contracting Government is interested, the Secretariat would be pleased to provide further details (e.g., requirements, costs, budget).

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Secretary to the Commission

Documents available as of 9 June 2010

			Date circulated/ made available	On website?	French and/or Spanish translation available?
COMMISSION DOCUMENTS					
IWC/62/	2	Draft Annotated Provisional Agenda	22/04/10	YES	Yes (both)
	5rev	Financial Statements	21/05/10	YES	
	6rev	Report of the fourth meeting of the SWG on the Future of the IWC	15/04/10	YES	
	7rev	Proposed Consensus Decision to Improve the Conservation of Whales from the Chair and Vice Chair of the Commission	29/04/10	YES	Yes (both)
	8	Amendments to the Rules of Procedure, Financial Regulations and Rules of Debate that would be required to give effect to certain aspects of the Proposed Consensus Decision to Improve the Conservation of Whales (IWC/62/7)	21/04/10	YES	
	9	Report of the small working group on conversion factors (from whales to edible products) for the Greenlandic large whale hunt	25/05/10	YES	
	10	Cost estimates for a monitoring, control and surveillance scheme of possible whaling operations and how costs might be apportioned	25/05/10	YES	
	11	Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1999-1) (New Zealand)	25/05/10	YES	
	12	Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1999-1) (USA)	03/06/10	YES	
	13	Report on Weapons, Techniques, and observations in the Alaskan Bowhead Whale Subsistence Hunt (USA)	04/06/10	YES	
14	Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods (based on Resolution 1999-1) (Russian Federation)	04/06/10	YES <i>[without Annex]</i>		
Documents from IWC/61:					
IWC/61/	11rev	Proposed Schedule Amendment [Greenland Catch Limits] (Denmark)	17/05/10	YES	Yes (both)

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CONSERVATION COMMITTEE					
IWC/62/CC/	1	Draft Agenda	22/04/10	YES	
	3	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report (Australia)	10/05/10	YES	
	4	Country Report on Ship Strikes (Australia)	10/05/10	YES	
	5	Update on the United States' Actions to Reduce the Threat of Ship Collisions with Large Whales (USA)	19/05/10	YES	
	6	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report (USA)	19/05/10	YES	
	7	Report on Conservation Management Plans (Australia)	19/05/10	YES	
	8	Report of the Working Group on Whalewatching (Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Mexico, South Africa, UK, and USA)	20/05/10	YES	
	9	Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report (New Zealand)	25/05/10	YES	
	10	Ship Strikes Working Group fifth Progress Report to the Conservation Committee	25/05/10	YES	
	11	Small cetaceans and the IWC: A contribution to the discussions on the 'Future of the IWC' (Belgium, Australia, Brazil, Switzerland and UK)	25/05/10	YES	
	12	United Kingdom Voluntary National Cetacean Conservation Report, 2010	09/06/10	YES	
	ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING SUB-COMMITTEE				
IWC/62/AS/	1	Draft Agenda	22/04/10	YES	
	3	Aboriginal harvest of gray and bowhead whales by Russian indigenous people in 2009	04/06/10	YES <i>[without Annex]</i>	
FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE					
IWC/62/F&A	1	Draft Agenda	22/04/10	NO	
	3	Exploration of the due date for the payment of financial contributions, imposition of penalty interest and proposed amendments to the Commission's Financial Regulations	22/04/10	NO	
	4	Proposed amendment to Rule of Procedure J. Schedule amendments, recommendations under Article VI and Resolutions	22/04/10	NO	

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DISCUSSIONS ON THE FUTURE OF THE IWC					
Principal Documents					
IWC/62/Future	1	Draft Agenda	08/06/10	YES	
	2	Draft List of Documents	08/06/10	YES	
IWC/62/	6rev, 7rev, 8, 10 – see Commission documents above				
IWC/M10/SWG	6	Report of the Scientific Assessment Group	08/06/10	YES	
Other Documents					
IWC/A10/SG	1	Comments received on the Draft Consensus Decision to Improve the Conservation of Whales (IWC/10/SWG 4)	08/06/10	YES	
IWC/M10/SWG	4	Chair's Report to the Small Working Group on the Future of IWC	08/06/10	YES	
	5	The Future of the International Whaling Commission: An Australian Proposal	08/06/10	YES	
	6	Report of the Small Working Group (SWG) on the Future of the International Whaling Commission, 18 May 2009	08/06/10	YES	
	7rev	[Revised] Chair's Report of the Intersessional Meeting of the Commission on the Future of IWC, FAO Headquarters, Rome, 9-11 March 2009	08/06/10	YES	
	10rev	Consensus resolution on the extension of the Small Working Group on the Future of the IWC until the 62nd Annual Meeting of the Commission	08/06/10	YES	
IWC/M09/	5	Report of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on Scientific Committee Issues (prepared for the Intersessional Meeting of the Commission, Rome, March, 2009)	08/06/10	YES	