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Availability of Scientific Committee Report ahead of 63rd Annual Meeting

The report of the Scientific Committee meeting to be held in Tromsø between 30 May and 12 June will be circulated to Commissioners and Contracting Governments on Monday 20 June. This date is five working days after the close of the Scientific Committee meeting and will allow Commissioners and Contracting Governments three weeks to consider the report ahead of the opening of IWC/63.

The Spanish and French translations of the summarized parts of the report will follow when they have been prepared by the translators.

Under Scientific Committee's Rules of Procedure 5b, the report remains confidential until the opening plenary of the Annual Commission meeting. Accordingly the report will be distributed to Commissioners and Contracting Governments by email rather than openly via the website.

For environmental and cost reasons, the Secretariat has an on-going drive to reduce the use of paper and copying facilities at annual meetings without affecting the efficiency of the meeting. The Scientific Committee report will now be circulated well in advance of the meeting. Therefore, as for other documents available in advance, delegates who require paper copies are expected to bring their own copies with them. However, should any Commissioner or Contracting Government have a special reason to require a paper copy then please contact the Secretariat at secretariat@iwcoffice.org so that this can be arranged.

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