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Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Working Group

At IWC 63 in 2011 the Commission approved the formation of an Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Working Group (ASWWG) as described in document IWC/63/12 Rev. The ASWWG has had its organizational meeting via electronic communication. It agreed to have Rolland Schmitt (USA Delegation) Chair the working group and pursuant to its terms of reference, the ASWWG has identified two members from the Scientific Committee and one from the Secretariat to join the eight IWC parties comprising the working group. This completes the representation of the ASWWG. The final membership comprises:

Contracting Governments:

Argentina
Austria
Denmark
Japan
Russia
St. Vincent's and the Grenadines
Switzerland
United States

Scientific Committee:

Dr. Nick Gales, Australia
Dr. Lars Walloe, Norway (not confirmed)

Secretariat:

Dr. Greg Donovan

The ASWWG will work by correspondence during the intersessional period and as time permits expects to meet in person during the Sub-Committee week of IWC/64 prior to presenting its report to the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-Committee. It is anticipated the ASW Sub-Committee Chair would summarize the report to the Commission or call upon on the Chair of the ASWWG to do so. Periodic working group updates will be provided to the Secretariat to be passed to the Commission and Scientific Committee as Circular Communications.

Simon Brockington
Secretary to the Commission

c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC

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