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**Annotated provisional agenda for IWC/64 and list of documents containing proposed  
Schedule amendments, recommendations under Article VI,  
Resolutions and amendments to Commission rules**

This circular draws attention to the publication of the Annotated Provisional Agenda for the Commission's forthcoming 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting. It also highlights those documents submitted for consideration at the meeting which contain proposals for amendments to the Schedule of the ICRW(1946), recommendations under Article VI, Resolutions and amendments to the Commission's Rules of Procedure including Financial Regulations.

Following the introduction of a new Rule of Procedure at IWC/63 in 2011 all documents, including those relating to the Finance and Administration Committee which do not contain confidential information, will be distributed to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and observers via the IWC's public website at: <http://iwcoffice.org/documents/commission/IWC64docs/iwc64docs.htm>

**Agendas**

The Annotated Provisional Agenda for IWC/64, along with the revised draft agendas for Commission Sub-groups were made available through the website on 3 May in accordance with Rule of Procedure H.2.(d) (ii). French and Spanish translations of the Annotated Provisional Agenda will follow in due course.

**Proposed Schedule Amendments**

The following proposals for Schedule Amendments were made available through the website on 3 May in accordance with Rule of Procedure J.1:

- IWC/64/8: The South Atlantic Sanctuary for Whales (Brazil, Argentina and Uruguay).
- IWC/64/9: Proposed Schedule amendment to permit the catching of minke whales from the Okhotsk Sea-West Pacific Stock by small-type whaling vessels (Japan).
- IWC/64/10: Schedule amendment to enable indigenous peoples to continue meeting their aboriginal subsistence needs (Russian Federation, St. Vincent and The Grenadines and USA).
- IWC/64/12: Proposed Schedule amendment on Greenland Catch Limits (Denmark).

### **Proposed Resolutions**

The following proposals for Resolutions were made available through the website on 3 May in accordance with Rule of Procedure J.1:

- IWC/64/11: Draft resolution on Highly Migratory Cetaceans and Ocean Governance (Monaco).
- IWC/64/13: Draft resolution on the Importance of Continued Scientific Research with regard to the impact of the degradation of the marine environment on the Health of Cetaceans and related Human Health Effects (Germany, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovak Republic, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom).
- IWC/2012/WG-AGLM 3: Working group for the provision of assistance to governments of limited means: Recommendations for providing assistance. Annex A of this document contains a Draft Resolution on the Creation of a Fund to Strengthen the Capacity of Governments of Limited Means to participate in the Work of the IWC. Prepared by the Secretariat on behalf of the members of the WG-AGLM.

### **Proposed amendments to the Commission's Rules**

The following proposals for amendments to the Commission's Rules were made available through the website on 3 May in accordance with Rule of Procedure J.1:

- IWC/2012/IGQ-3: Draft Recommendations from the Intersessional Group on Quorum. Contains proposals for rule changes to clarify the Commission's procedures on quorum.
- IWC/2012/IGBB-2: Checklist of actions for moving to biennial meetings: Summary of Responses Received. Annex A of this document contains proposals for rule changes developed by the intersessional group to establish a transition to biennial meetings and to establish a Bureau.

### **Other documents**

Several other documents are also available on the meetings section of the website. Further documents can be submitted to the Secretariat at any stage before the meeting at which they are to be considered. All documents received will be numbered and placed on the meeting website unless they contain confidential information. Contracting Governments are encouraged to submit documents as early as possible in order to allow maximum time for consideration by other parties.



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