



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and  
Members of the Scientific Committee  
**IWC.ALL.261**

**Provisional agendas and other documents circulated in advance of IWC66**

Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1214 of 15 July 2016 distributed draft agendas for the Commission's 66<sup>th</sup> meeting with a request for comments by 15 August 2016.

In addition, Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1210 of 8 July 2016 confirmed that Schedule amendments, Recommendations under Article VI of the Convention, and the full draft text of Resolutions must be circulated 60 days in advance of the meeting (i.e. by Thursday 25 August 2016).

In fulfilment of these requirements, I am pleased to report that the following documents are now available through the Commission's website (<https://iwc.int/iwc66>)

- 1 Provisional Agendas, modified according to comments from Contracting Governments are available for:
  - IWC66
  - Finance and Administration Committee
  - Conservation Committee
  - Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee
  - Infractions Sub-committee
  - Budgetary Sub-committee
  - Working group on Whale Killing Methods and Welfare Initiatives
- 2 The following documents proposing Schedule Amendments:
  - IWC/66/09 Proposal for a Schedule Amendment to Create a South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary. This document is supported by IWC/66/08 which describes objectives and a management plan for the proposed Sanctuary.
- 3 The following documents are Draft Resolutions:
  - IWC/66/10 Draft Resolution on Enhancing the Effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission
  - IWC/66/11 Draft Resolution on Improving the Review Process for Whaling under Special Permit
  - IWC/66/12 Draft Resolution on Food Security

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- IWC/66/13 Draft Resolution on the Creation of a Fund to Strengthen the Capacity of Governments of Limited Means to Participate in the Work of the International Whaling Commission
  - IWC/66/14 Draft Resolution on the Minamata Convention
  - IWC/66/15 Draft Resolution on Cetaceans and Ecosystem Services
- 4 The following documents containing proposals to modify the Commission's Rules of Procedure or Financial Regulations have been submitted for the attention of the Finance and Administration Committee:
- IWC/66/F&A07. Report of the Working Group on Operational Effectiveness and Cost Saving Measures (contains proposed changes to Rules of Procedure).
  - IWC/66/F&A11. Annex R from the 2015 Scientific Committee Report containing proposed amendments to the Scientific Committee's Rules of Procedure.
  - IWC/66/F&A12. Proposed revision of the Scientific Committee's Rules of Procedure on Invited Participants.
- 5 The provisional financial statement for 2016 is available as document IWC/66/06. The proposed budget for 2017 and 2018 is available as Commission document IWC/66/07. These documents will be received by the Budgetary Sub-committee and Finance and Administration Committee prior to discussions by the Commission.



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