



Circular Communication to Commissioners, Contracting Governments and
Members of the Scientific Committee
IWC.ALL.274 Revised

This is a revised version of Circular Communication IWC.ALL.274 in order to correct an erratum. The original Communication stated that, in adopting Resolution 2016-2, the Commission had agreed to establish a Steering Group to oversee the review process for whaling under Special Permit. However, Resolution 2016-2 in fact established a Standing Working Group for this purpose. A corrected version of the Circular is provided below.

**Improving the Review Process for Whaling under Special Permit:
Call for Standing Working Group Members**

At IWC 66 in 2016 the Commission adopted Resolution 2016-2 on Improving the Review Process for Whaling conducted under Special Permits. The Resolution is attached to this Communication.

In adopting the Resolution, the Commission agreed to establish a Standing Working Group (SWG). The role of the SWG will be to consider the reports and recommendations of the IWC's Scientific Committee with respect to all new, ongoing and completed special permit programmes and report to the Commission in accordance with Terms of Reference contained in Resolution 2016-2.

Any Commissioner or Contracting Government delegate wishing to join the Standing Working Group is requested to contact the Secretariat at secretariat@iwc.int by Friday 20 January 2017, after which time it will commence its work.

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