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Expert Panel review of the Proposed Research Plan for New Scientific Whale Research Program in the western North Pacific (NEWREP-NP)

REVISED ANNOTATED DRAFT AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

1.1. Welcome

1.2. Available document

1.3. Adoption of the Agenda

2. OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKSHOP

2.1 Introduction to the Annex P process

A presentation will be made by the Chair

2.1 Introduction to the RMP process

A presentation will be made by the IWC Head of Science.

3. REVIEW OF THE JARPN II PROGRAMME

At its last meeting the Scientific Committee agreed 'that the review of a new North Pacific proposal will also include the review of JARPN II with the inclusion of those data (2014 to 2016) that have become available since the final review of JARPN II in SC/66b/Rep06. The review will also assess progress against recommendations made in SC/66b/Rep06'. It is highly recommended that, as suggested by the JARPN II final review Expert Panel (Annex G in SC/66b/Rep06), an integrated final report is submitted for its consideration.

3.1 Overview of the Panel and Scientific Committee recommendations and the earlier JARPN II review

3.2. Update analyses incorporating data up to 2016 and responding to recommendations made in SC/66b/Rep06

3.3 Conclusions and recommendations

4. REVIEW OF THE RESEARCH PROGRAMME PROPOSAL

The review will follow these steps: i) Proponents will be given the opportunity to briefly introduce each agenda item and sub-item; ii) these 'Introductory sections' will be followed by a section on 'Discussion and conclusions' by the Panel. Sub-items will be added to the final Agenda as necessary.

4.1. Objectives of the proposal

Here the Panel will:

- 1. comment briefly on the perceived importance of the stated primary objectives from a scientific perspective and for the purposes of conservation and management, noting particularly the relevance of each to the work of the Scientific Committee;*
- 2. evaluate whether the objectives of the research could be achieved by non-lethal methods or whether there are reasonably equivalent objectives that could be achieved non-lethally;*
- 3. for broad categories of objectives 1 and 2, evaluate whether the elements of the research that rely on lethally obtained data are likely to lead to improvements in the conservation and management of whales. This evaluation should include whether the proposal demonstrates the likely magnitude and relevance of improvements to conservation and management arising from the achievement of the programme objectives;*

4.1.1. Importance of stated objectives from a scientific perspective and for the purposes of conservation and management of whale stocks

Besides providing advice on the importance of stated objectives, under this sub-item the Panel will also consider whether: a) stated objectives have been quantified to the extent possible; b) objectives are arranged into two or three categories, as appropriate: 'Primary', 'Secondary' and 'Ancillary'; and c) there is a clear indication regarding relationships amongst objectives (where applicable).

4.1.1.1. CONTRIBUTION TO PAST RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

4.1.1.2. CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMPLETION OF THE COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OR IN PROGRESS OR FUTURE IN-DEPTH ASSESSMENTS

4.1.1.3. CONTRIBUTION TO THE CARRYING OUT OF IMPLEMENTATIONS OR IMPLEMENTATION REVIEWS OF THE RMP OR AWMP

4.1.1.4. CONTRIBUTION TO IMPROVED UNDERSTANDING OF OTHER PRIORITY ISSUES AS IDENTIFIED IN THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE RULES OF PROCEDURE OR IN ITS REPORTS

4.1.1.5. CONTRIBUTION TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

4.1.2. Improvement in the conservation and management of other living marine resources or the ecosystem of which the whale stocks are an integral part

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4.1.2.4. CONTRIBUTION TO RECOMMENDATIONS OF OTHER INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS

4.1.3. Hypotheses testing not directly related to the management of living marine resources

4.1.4. Evaluation of options in terms of lethal vs. non-lethal methods in relation to objectives

Here the Panel will provide its view on all given statements, for each objective, on whether the programme requires lethal sampling, non-lethal methods or a combination of both. See also Agenda items 3.2 and 4.2.

4.2. Methods to address objectives: study area(s), sample size, sampling design and data analysis

Here the Panel will evaluate whether the design and implementation of the programme are reasonable in relation to achieving the programme's stated research objectives, and in particular, evaluate whether sample sizes, the spatial and temporal scales and laboratory and analytical methods are reasonable in relation to the programme's stated research objectives and whether non-lethal alternatives are not feasible to either replace or reduce the size of the lethal sampling being proposed;

4.2.1 Evaluation of sample sizes, spatial and temporal scales and analytical methods in relation to the programme's stated research objectives

4.2.2. Feasibility of non-lethal alternatives to either replace or reduce the size of proposed lethal sampling

4.3 Assessment of potential effect of catches

Here the Panel will provide advice on the likely effects of the catches on the stock or stocks involved under various scenarios of length of the programme. This will include, inter alia, examination of abundance estimates provided and may involve a different analysis to that provided in the original proposal, including assumptions that short permit proposals may be projected further into the future.

4.4. Logistics and project management

Here the Panel will determine whether the programme has specified intermediate targets that would allow for an adequate review of progress relative to programme objectives.

4.5. Co-operative research

Here the Panel will assess the degree to which the programme coordinates its activities with related research projects.

5. CONCLUSIONS

Here the Panel will provide a summary of its conclusions.

