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Recruitment of an IWC Bycatch Coordinator

This Circular alerts Contracting Governments, Accredited Observers and members of the Scientific Committee to an advertisement, issued today, for a Bycatch Coordinator.

IWC66 endorsed recommendations on bycatch from the Scientific Committee and Conservation Committee, and agreed to establish a Standing Working Group on Bycatch under the Conservation Committee, and a Bycatch Mitigation Initiative supported by an Expert Panel and a Bycatch Coordinator, funded by voluntary contributions.

The IWC has received generous contributions from the Governments of the UK and France, and from a number of observer organisations¹ and so is now able to recruit a Bycatch Coordinator on a fixed term basis until the end of September 2018, potentially extended until IWC68 in 2020, subject to endorsement of the Bycatch Mitigation Initiative Workplan by the Commission at IWC67 and availability of funding.

An advertisement and Application Pack is issued today and a copy is attached.

This opportunity will be publicised via the IWC website, and via a range of appropriate, professional email distribution lists. Please could Contracting Governments assist in ensuring its widest possible international dissemination by forwarding the advertisement and application pack to any relevant regional and national fora.

Applications must be received by 17.00 (UK time) on Friday 29 September 2017. The selection panel will include representatives of the Bycatch Standing Working Group and the Secretariat.

Finally, I would like to thank Mark Simmonds for all his hard work as temporary coordinator (on a voluntary basis) in the meantime and until this post is filled.

Kate Wilson
Interim Executive Secretary

c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC

¹ Animal Welfare Institute; Environment Investigation Agency; Humane Society International; International Fund for Animal Welfare; Natural Resources Defense Council; Whaleman Foundation; World Animal Protection; World Wildlife Fund for Nature.