



Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments
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Preparation for IWC67 - Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling quota renewals

This Circular draws attention to upcoming requests for Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling (ASW) quotas and any proposed changes to catch/strike limits. In addition, it sets out the process for providing, receiving and commenting on this information in advance of IWC67.

At IWC 66 the Commission endorsed the pilot use of a timetable for ASW quota requests¹. This Circular is issued in accordance with this timetable and the Commission Rules of Procedure.

Proposed ASW catch/strike limits and associated Schedule Amendments

ASW Countries are invited, as soon as possible and no later than **12 June 2018** (90 days before the first day of the Commission plenary meeting), to provide to the [Secretariat](#) proposed ASW catch/strike limit requests and associated schedule amendments. Proposed Schedule Amendments will be published as a Commission (IWC67) document to be made available via the [IWC website](#).

Scientific Committee advice

At its recent meeting (24 April-6 May 2018, Bled, Slovenia), the IWC Scientific Committee examined proposed catch/strike limit requests for each ASW hunt submitted by ASW countries. It also provided advice on other aspects of the hunt including carryover, length of blocks and other scientific components of ASW. The Scientific Committee's advice is available in the report of this meeting ([IWC67/Rep01\(2018\)](#), Item 8, pp. 19-24.

Description of the Hunts

ASW Countries are invited to publish Descriptions of each Hunt, as soon as possible and no later than **12 June 2018** (90 days before the first day of the Commission plenary meeting). The Description of the Hunts will be available on the IWC website [here](#).

¹ Report of the 66th meeting of the International Whaling Commission pp. 16-18

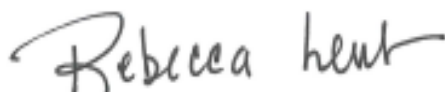
Comments on catch/strike limit requests

In accordance with the agreed timetable, Contracting Governments and observers are requested to send written comments on the proposed ASW catch/strike limit requests to secretariat@iwc.int by **11 August 2018** (at least 30 days before the first day of Commission plenary).

Subsequently ASW countries are invited to provide any responses to these written comments by **26 August 2018** (10 days before the ASW Sub-Committee meeting) at the latest. These comments and responses will be made ASW Sub-Committee documents and will be available via the [IWC website](#).

All interested Contracting Governments and observers are invited to attend the ASW Sub-committee meeting on Thursday 06 September.

Should you have any queries on this Circular or its contents please contact secretariat@iwc.int.

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c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC