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Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling quota renewals

This Circular follows on from Circular IWC.CCG.1313 that drew attention to upcoming requests for Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling (ASW) quotas, proposed changes to catch/strike limits and the process for providing, receiving and commenting on this information in advance of IWC67.

Proposed ASW catch/strike limits and associated Schedule Amendments

As requested, the ASW Countries provided the Secretariat with the proposed ASW catch/strike limit requests and associated schedule amendments by 12 June 2018. The primary document is IWC/67/01 and it is available through the IWC portal at <https://portal.iwc.int/e/iwc67/documents>. Other relevant documents can be found on the portal as documents in the ASW category.

In addition, again as requested, the ASW countries have submitted 'Descriptions of aboriginal subsistence whaling hunts relevant to catch/strike limit requests'. It was also agreed that these (or concise summaries) would be placed upon the IWC website in web page format <https://iwc.int/information-on-hunts>. These are being finalised.

Comments on catch/strike limit requests

As noted in Circular IWC.CCG.1313, 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](http://www.iwc.int).

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

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