



## Circular Communication to Commissioners and Contracting Governments IWC.CCG.1322

### Updated arrangements for IWC67

Circular Communication IWC.ALL.332 of 12 July 2018 included links to the Provisional Agendas for IWC67 and proposed Schedule Amendments and Resolutions tabled for discussion at the meeting. In addition, Contracting Governments may wish to note the following:

#### **Resolution on advancing the Commission's work on the role of cetaceans in the ecosystem functioning**

Draft Resolution IWC/67/17 on advancing the Commission's work on the role of cetaceans in the ecosystem functioning, received from the Government of Chile, was not included on the earlier Circular but has been posted as a meeting document. This Resolution was received in the Secretariat on the evening of 12 July after the Circular had been issued. An earlier version was sent from the Government of Chile on 10 July but did not arrive at the Secretariat.

#### **Translations**

Kindly note that translations into French and Spanish of the provisional agendas for Sub-committees and the Plenary will be available on the Meeting portal as soon as they are completed. In addition, all proposed draft Resolutions and Schedule Amendments will also be available in French and Spanish.

#### **Standing Working Group on Special Permits**

Please note that this report is available on the Meeting Portal as document IWC/67/16 and it is consistent with the Terms of Reference for this Group that any comments on the report should be sent to the Secretariat ([secretariat@iwc.int](mailto:secretariat@iwc.int)) by **11 August**.

#### **Financial Contributions**

Contracting Governments are reminded to check that their financial contributions have been received by the Secretariat. Voting rights will not be available to Contracting Governments in arrears of contributions.

#### **Opening Statements**

Contracting Governments and observer organisations are welcome to provide opening statements. Excepting for Governments which have recently adhered to the Convention, time is insufficient during plenary for allowing statements to be read out. Instead, statements should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than 17.00Hrs local time on **Monday 10 September 2018**. They will be numbered and placed on the Meeting portal. Following the meeting they will be retained as part of the Commission's archives.

Opening statements should not exceed three pages in length and their content shall be relevant to matters under consideration by the Commission.

**Media contact details**

Contracting Governments and observer organisations are requested to provide the Secretariat ([kate.wilson@iwc.int](mailto:kate.wilson@iwc.int)) with the name and contact details for their nominated media liaison point during the meeting. This enables the Secretariat to pass on interview and information requests as efficiently as possible.

**Attendance by the Earth Negotiations Bulletin (ENB)**

Further to Circular IWC.ALL.331 on 4 July 2018, subject to funding, the Earth Negotiations Bulletin will be sending a team to cover IWC67.

**Pre-registration for delegates**

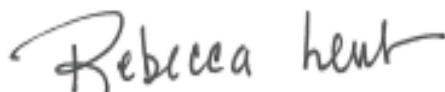
We are expecting a large number of delegates and large delegations at IWC67 therefore it is imperative to ensure an efficient registration process. Please could all delegates ensure that they have followed the pre-registration steps before arriving at the meeting, including providing a photo ahead of time (with head and shoulders, as noted on the registration form). This enables Secretariat staff to process registrations quickly and minimises queueing time for delegates.

**Social Events**

Currently, the following social events are planned:

- The Government of Brazil Welcome Reception – Monday 10th Sept 19:00, details tbc
- Chair's Reception – Wednesday 12 Sept 19:00, details tbc

We look forward to seeing you in Florianopolis.



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*c.c. Accredited observers to the IWC*