

ANNOTATED PROVISIONAL AGENDA

63rd Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

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St. Helier, Jersey, Channel Islands

NOTE:

Provisions adopted under agenda item 7 (Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling), 8 (Revised Management Scheme), 9 (Sanctuaries) and 10 (Socio-Economic Implications and Small-Type Whaling) may require amendment to the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling.

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ANNOTATIONS TO THE PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

The previous Chair of the Commission, Ambassador Cristian Maquieira (Chile), stepped down from the position of Chair on 28 July 2010. Since that time the Vice-Chair of the Commission, Ambassador Anthony Liverpool (Antigua and Barbuda) has served as Acting-Chair. Ambassador Liverpool has also communicated his desire to step down from the role effective from 11am on Monday 11 July 2011. Ambassador Liverpool timed his departure so as to ensure there is no break between the end of his term as Acting-Chair and the first available opportunity for the Commission to elect a new Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission are elected according to Rules of Procedure F.1 and G.1 respectively.

2. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

2.1 Welcome Address

The 63rd Annual Meeting will open formally at 10.00 on Monday 11 July 2011. Opening remarks will be given by a representative of the Government of the States of Jersey speaking on behalf of Senator Alan Maclean, Minister for Economic Development.

2.2 Opening Statements

The Commission's practice is to accept opening statements from Commissioners and Observers in writing only, although the Chair will invite any new Contracting Governments to make a short opening statement during the opening plenary session. Written opening statements will be collated by the Secretariat at the meeting and distributed as Commission documents in electronic format via the Commission's website.

2.3 Secretary's Report on Credentials and Voting Rights

The Secretary will report on the received notifications of credentials (Rule of Procedure D.1.(d)) and on the situation with respect to voting rights (Rule of Procedure E.2.(a) and (b)).

2.4 Meeting Arrangements

Delegates will be informed of the practical organisation and arrangements for the meeting at registration and by the Secretary at the start of the meeting.

2.5 Review of Documents

A draft list of documents will be available as IWC/63/1.

3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

The Secretary dispatched the Draft Agenda to all Contracting Governments and Commissioners on 1 April 2011 with a request for comments and additions together with annotations for items they might wish to propose. The Annotated Provisional Agenda was made available on 12 May 2011. The Draft and Provisional Agendas were circulated in accordance with Rules of Procedure H.2 (d)(i) and H.2 (d)(ii) respectively. Comments were received from the Governments of Australia, Brazil, Japan and the United States and are detailed under the appropriate Agenda Items.

When providing overall feedback on the Draft Agenda, the Government of Japan noted that, as was the case for the 60th, 61st and 62nd Annual Meetings, its comments reflected Japan's efforts to reduce unnecessary conflicts by minimising the number of decisions taken by votes at the plenary session. It strongly urges other members to contribute in a similar manner by refraining from making controversial schedule amendment proposals since such proposals are likely to damage the atmosphere of calm and constructive dialogue which has been built during the last few years.

Japan further remarked that in the past it has expressed the view that it would like to see the Commission focus on its core responsibilities consistent with the Convention and had proposed the deletion of a number of items from the agenda including: whale killing methods and associated welfare issues, proposals for new sanctuaries, health issues, whalewatching, small cetaceans and the Conservation Committee. Its position on those matters is well known and remains the same. However, in keeping with Japan's attempt to reduce conflicts within the IWC it will not propose deletion of these or any other agenda items at the 63rd Annual Meeting.

4. THE IWC IN THE FUTURE

At IWC/59 in 2007 the Commission agreed to hold an intersessional meeting to discuss the future of the organisation given, amongst other things, the impasse that had been reached on discussions related to the Revised Management Scheme (RMS).

At the intersessional meeting the Commission established a Small Working Group (SWG) on the future of the International Whaling Commission to *'make every effort to develop a package or packages for review by the Commission'* in order to assist it in arriving at *'a consensus solution to the main issues it faces'*. The SWG met three times between IWC/60 in 2008 and IWC/61 in 2009.

At IWC/61 in 2009 the Commission recognised that the work on the Future of the IWC was not complete and agreed by consensus to extend the time allocated to the SWG until IWC/62 in 2010. The SWG was tasked with *'intensifying efforts to conclude a package or packages to allow the Commission to reach consensus on the major issues it faced'*. At that time the Commission also established a support group to assist the Chair in providing direction to the 'Future' process and in the preparation of material for submission to the SWG.

The support group met three times between 2009 and 2010, and on the basis of discussions at those meetings the Chair of the Commission submitted a report to the March 2010 meeting of the SWG that contained a set of ideas on how the IWC could function in the future. This document was entitled 'A Draft Consensus Decision to Improve the Conservation of Whales'. The support group met a fourth time to consider comments on the draft Consensus Decision made at the SWG meeting and also subsequently in writing by a number of Contracting Governments. As a result of this process the Proposed Consensus Decision for the Conservation of Whales (hereafter the 'Proposed Consensus Decision') was developed by the Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission and submitted to IWC/62 in 2010 for consideration.

The Proposed Consensus Decision was extensively debated at IWC/62 in 2010 (See Chair's Report of the 62nd Annual Meeting). At the end of the discussions, the Chair concluded that the Commission was not in a position to come to a consensus agreement on the measures contained in the Proposed Consensus Decision. He also noted that there had been support for a period of pause and reflection on work on the undertaken during the 'Future of the IWC' process.

Accordingly this item will allow for discussion following the one year period of pause and reflection proposed at IWC/62 in 2010.

5. WHALE STOCKS

The Scientific Committee will report (IWC/63/Rep 1) on the progress of its work on the assessments of priority whale stocks identified in its report from last year (IWC/62/Rep 1).

Any additional relevant information from the report of the Conservation Committee (IWC/63/Rep 5) will also be reported (e.g. on southern right whales of Chile-Peru).

Work on western North Pacific common minke whales will be reported under item 8.1.1 given the work on the RMP *Implementation Review*.

A sub-item on research cruises is also included.

6. WHALE KILLING METHODS AND ASSOCIATED WELFARE ISSUES

The Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues Working Group will meet in Jersey in the week prior to the Commission plenary. Its report will be made available as IWC/63/Rep 6.

The Working Group was established to review information and documentation available with a view to advising the Commission on whale killing methods and associated welfare issues (*Chairman's Report of the 52nd Annual Meeting*).

The Working Group will consider:

- Data on whales killed (Contracting Governments are invited to provide the information listed in Resolutions 1999-1 and 2001-2)
- Improvements to the humaneness of whaling operations (Contracting Governments are invited to provide the information specified in Resolution 1997-1 and supported by Resolution 2001-2)
- Progress reports and any follow up work arising from the IWC workshop on welfare issues associated with the entanglement of large whales which was held in 2010 in Maui, Hawaii (IWC/62/15).

7. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING

The Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee will meet in Jersey in the week prior to the Commission plenary. The report will be made available as IWC/63/Rep 3.

The Sub-committee's Terms of Reference are to consider relevant information and documentation from the Scientific Committee, and to consider nutritional, subsistence and cultural needs relating to aboriginal subsistence whaling and the use of whales taken for such purposes, and to provide advice on the dependence of aboriginal communities on specific whale stocks to the Commission for its consideration and determination of appropriate management measures (*Rep. int. Whal. Commn 48:31*).

The Scientific Committee will report in detail to the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee. Accordingly the report of the ASW Sub-committee's report will include a summary and conclusions from the Scientific Committee report (IWC/63/Rep 1).

7.1 Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Management Procedure

The Sub-committee will address two issues under this item:

- Progress with the Greenlandic Research Programme
- The *Implementation Review* for eastern North Pacific gray whales

7.2 Aboriginal Whaling Scheme

This item covers management considerations outside of the direct calculation of catch limits such as carry over, survey guidelines, data collection.

7.3 Aboriginal subsistence whaling catch limits

Catch limits for the stocks listed below were agreed at the 2007 Annual Meeting with the exception of the catch of West Greenland humpback whales which was agreed at the 2010 Annual Meeting. In some cases it was agreed that the catch limits should be reviewed annually and in other cases they were dependent on additional Scientific Committee advice.

- Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort stock of bowhead whales (annual review)
- North Pacific eastern stock of gray whales (annual review)
- Central and west Greenland common minke whale stocks (annual review for minke whales off west Greenland).
- West Greenland stock of fin whales (no Schedule provision for annual review but will be considered in case there are any relevant Scientific Committee comments or recommendations).

- West Greenland stock of bowhead whales (the quota for each year only becomes operative when the Commission has received advice from the Scientific Committee that the strikes are unlikely to endanger the stock).
- Humpback whales off west Greenland (no Schedule provision for annual review but will be considered in case there are any relevant Scientific Committee comments or recommendations).
- North Atlantic humpback whales off St. Vincent and The Grenadines (no Schedule provision for annual review but will be considered in case there are any relevant Scientific Committee comments or recommendations).

7.4 Preparation for 2012 Review of Catch Limits

In commenting on the draft Agenda, the USA noted that based upon its own recent consultations, a number of Contracting Governments have concerns about the current process for considering requests for catch limits under the auspices of the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling provisions of the Schedule. Accordingly it proposed that item 7.4 provides the Commission with an opportunity to review and, if needed, further discuss any issues raised in the ASW Sub-committee, and make possible the Commission's consideration and possible adoption of any actions recommended by the ASW Sub-committee to address these concerns in preparation for the 2012 review.

8. REVISED MANAGEMENT SCHEME (RMS)

For the last four years the Commission has not identified specific activities on the Revised Management Scheme (RMS). Instead reference to the RMS has been made in the context of discussions on the future of the IWC. However, the Scientific Committee has continued its work on the scientific component of the Scheme, the RMP.

8.1 Revised Management Procedure (RMP)

The Scientific Committee will report on progress with its work in this area (IWC/63/Rep 1), including its progress with: (1) the Implementation process for western North Pacific Bryde's whales, North Atlantic fin whales and western North Pacific common minke whales; and (2) work on bycatch.

8.2 Other

9. SANCTUARIES

In commenting on the Draft Agenda, Japan noted that in the past it has proposed amendments to paragraph 7 (b) of the Schedule to the effect that the paragraph becomes consistent with Article V (2) of the Convention. As in recent years and in keeping with its attempts to reduce unnecessary conflicts within the IWC, Japan does not intend to propose a Schedule amendment under this Agenda Item.

9.1 Issues raised in the Scientific and Conservation Committees

The outcome of discussions on any issues will be reported in IWC/63/Rep 1 and IWC/63/Rep 4 respectively.

9.2 The South Atlantic: A Sanctuary for Whales

In commenting upon the Draft Agenda, the Government of Brazil submitted the following proposal on behalf of the Governments of Argentina and Brazil for consideration by the 63rd Annual Meeting of the IWC:

In accordance with Article V(1)(c) of the Convention, commercial whaling, whether by pelagic operations or from land stations, is prohibited in a region designated as the South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary. This Sanctuary comprises the waters of the South Atlantic Ocean enclosed by the following line: starting from the Equator, then generally south following the eastern coastline of South America to the coast of Tierra del Fuego and, starting from a point situated at Lat 55°07,3'S Long 066°25,0'W; thence to the point Lat 55°11,0'S Long 066°04,7'W; thence to the point Lat 55°22,9'S Long 065°43,6'W; thence due South to Parallel 56°22,8'S; thence to the point Lat

56°22,8'S Long 067°16,0'W; thence due South, along the Cape Horn Meridian, to 60°S, where it reaches the boundary of the Southern Ocean Sanctuary; thence due east following the boundaries of this Sanctuary to the point where it reaches the boundary of the Indian Ocean Sanctuary at 40°S; thence due north following the boundary of this Sanctuary until it reaches the coast of South Africa; thence it follows the coastline of Africa to the west and north until it reaches the Equator; thence due west to the coast of Brazil, closing the perimeter at the starting point. This prohibition shall be reviewed twenty years after its initial adoption and at succeeding ten-year intervals, and could be revised at such times by the Commission. Nothing in this sub-paragraph shall prejudice the sovereign rights of coastal states according to, *inter alia*, the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. With the exception of Brazil, [...], this provision does not apply to waters under the national jurisdiction of coastal states within the area described above, unless those States notify the Secretariat to the contrary and this information is transmitted to the Contracting Governments.

10. SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS AND SMALL TYPE WHALING

When commenting on the Draft Agenda, Japan noted that it reserves the right to propose an amendment to paragraph 10 of the Schedule which would provide a catch quota of minke whales for its small-type coastal whaling in case the Future of the IWC process fails.

If Japan does decide to make a proposal under this agenda item, it would be similar to that presented to the 59th and 60th Annual Meetings. The proposal presented to the 59th and 60th Annual Meetings was to add the following sub-paragraph (f) to existing paragraph 10 of the Schedule. The catch quota will be indicated and the years for the quota will be duly adjusted:

(f) Notwithstanding the other provisions of paragraph 10, the taking of up to () minke whales from the Okhotsk Sea – West Pacific stock of the North Pacific in the coastal waters east of Japan north of 35°N and west of 150°E (excluding Okhotsk Sea) shall be permitted for each of the years 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013 and the meat and products are to be used exclusively for local consumption.

11. SCIENTIFIC PERMITS

Since IWC/61 Japan has issued permits for taking minke, fin and humpback whales in the Antarctic (JARPA II) and for taking minke, Bryde's, sei and sperm whales in the North Pacific (JARPEN II). Note, however, that Japan agreed to continue to suspend the take of humpback whales in its Antarctic research programme in the 2010/11 season as long as progress is being made in the discussions on the future of IWC.

The Scientific Committee will report on its reviews of results from existing permits, of new or continuing proposals and on the procedure for reviewing scientific permit proposals (IWC/63/Rep 1).

12. SAFETY ISSUES AT SEA

In commenting on the Draft Agenda, Japan requested inclusion of this Item so as to have follow-up discussion and to make a PowerPoint presentation. Japan noted that in spite of the related Resolutions and Statement adopted by the Commission in the past, violent activities by the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society have been escalating year by year. The Sea Shepherd Conservation Society perpetuated actions that seriously endangered the lives of the crew and threatened safe navigation by the research vessels in the last season. The Government of Japan had no choice but to withdraw its research vessels from the Antarctic Ocean on 18 February 2011, earlier than planned for the first time, in order to protect the lives of crew members and the safety of vessels. Japan notes that given such a situation, effective measures to stop violent actions are essential and therefore it requests that discussions be held at the meeting which lead to such measures.

13. ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH ISSUES

Under Resolution 1998-5 the Commission agreed to establish a regular Agenda Item under which the Scientific Committee would report annually on its progress in non-lethal research on environmental concerns, and Contracting Governments could report annually on national and regional efforts to monitor and address the impacts of environmental change on cetaceans and other marine mammals. Additionally this year an item on a proposal for an IWC workshop on anthropogenic impacts in the Arctic is included following the proposal made at IWC/62 in 2010. The Scientific Committee will report on its work on environmental issues in IWC/63/Rep 1 and the issues will be covered under the following agenda items:

- 13.1 State of the Cetacean Environment (SOCER)
- 13.2 POLLUTION 2000+
- 13.3 Cetacean diseases
- 13.4 Anthropogenic sound
- 13.5 Proposal for a workshop on anthropogenic impacts to cetaceans in the Arctic
- 13.6 Climate Change
- 13.7 Ecosystem modelling
- 13.8 Reports from Contracting Governments

Resolution 1998-11 on concern about human health effects from the consumption of cetaceans invites member and non-member governments directly affected to:

- submit, when possible, reliable information to the IWC relating to possible human health effects resulting from the consumption of cetacean products;
- encourage the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other appropriate agencies to put this issue on their own agenda; and
- request further collaboration between the WHO and the IWC on this matter.

Contracting Governments are invited to raise any health issues under item 13.10 (Health Issues).

14. CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PLANS

Conservation management plans (CMPs) are considered by both the Scientific Committee (under its agenda item on whale stocks) and by the Conservation Committee (IWC/63/Rep 1 and IWC/63/Rep 5 respectively). At IWC/61 in 2009, the Conservation Committee endorsed the formation of a small, specialist group to construct a list of candidate conservation management plans. At IWC/62 in 2010 the group reported on its progress to date and suggested that the development of plans was required for the Chile-Peru population of southern right whales, and also – in the light of the recent die off – for southern right whales in Argentina.

This year, the Conservation Committee expects to receive a paper on behalf of the small specialist group on Conservation Management Plans which will include guidelines for the application of CMPs within the IWC, templates for the nomination and development of a CMP, and funding principles and processes for IWC support of CMPs. The paper is also expected to propose that the small specialist group be reconstituted as a Standing Working Group on CMPs and that draft terms of reference for the working group be considered and adopted.

15. WHALEWATCHING

Within the IWC, the Scientific Committee deals exclusively with the scientific aspects of whalewatching. However in 2007, it was suggested that the Conservation Committee could usefully address aspects of whalewatching related to management (including the implementation of the Scientific Committee's recommendations), socio economic interests and international co-operation.

The Scientific Committee will report on progress with its work plan on whalewatching which this year includes: (1) report of the steering group of the large-scale whalewatching experiment (LaWE) and (2) a review of the scientific aspects of the report from the Commission's intersessional whalewatching workshop held in Argentina in December 2010 (IWC/63/CC6).

The Conservation Committee will also consider the report of the intersessional whalewatching workshop. Additionally the Committee will review the report of the Working Group on whalewatching which will propose a five year strategic plan following on from the first draft submitted to the Conservation Committee at IWC/62 (IWC/62/CC7).

16. CO-OPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

Organisations with whom the IWC is currently working include CITES, CMS (ASCOBANS & ACCOBAMS), CCAMLR, FAO, Southern Ocean GLOBEC, ICES, IATTC, ICCAT, IMO, IUCN, PICES, ECCO, NAMMCO and UNEP (SPAW).

IWC observers' reports of meetings of these and any other intergovernmental organisations will be distributed as Document IWC/63/4. The Scientific Committee will include its discussions and comments on co-operation with these organisations in its report (IWC/63/Rep 1).

17. OTHER SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES, ITS FUTURE WORK PLAN AND ADOPTION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE REPORT

The Scientific Committee will hold its annual meeting in Tromsø at the invitation of the Government of Norway from 30 May to 11 June 2011 under its Chair Dr Debi Palka (USA). On 28 and 29 May there will be pre-meetings of the AWMP gray whale *Implementation Review*; the Western North Pacific common minke whale *Implementation Review*; and the assessment of humpback whale Breeding Stock B.

The report of the Scientific Committee (IWC/63/Rep 1) will be circulated to Commissioners and Contracting Governments on Monday 20 June. Under the Scientific Committee's Rule of Procedure 5b the report remains confidential until the opening plenary of the Annual Commission meeting.

17.1 Small cetaceans

In 1991 the Commission adopted a Resolution on Small Cetaceans (*Rep. int. Whal. Commn* 42: 49) which recalled its request of the previous year to the Scientific Committee to commence a process of drawing together information on the stocks subjected to significant directed and incidental takes, and requested the Scientific Committee to continue this work, including those stocks which were not reviewed. Its priority topic this year is a review of the taxonomy, population structure and status of North Atlantic (including Mediterranean) Ziphiidae (beaked and bottlenose whales).

17.2 Regional non-lethal research partnerships

The Southern Ocean Research Partnership (SORP) was proposed by the Government of Australia in 2008 to develop a multi-lateral scientific research programme to deliver relevant scientific information to the IWC. A framework and set of objectives for SORP were presented, discussed and endorsed at the Scientific Committee's meeting in 2009. In 2010, the Committee received reports of intersessional progress which included (1) holding a Workshop in December 2009 to develop the partnership; (2) conducting the first cruise of the joint Australia – New Zealand Antarctic Whale Expedition and (3) identifying seven proposed projects that are consistent with SORP objectives and that would benefit from large scale multi-lateral participation. At this year's meeting the Scientific Committee expects to receive a further update on progress

17.3 Other activities

This item allows the Commission to receive updates on other aspects of the Scientific Committee's work, including Stock Definition, DNA Testing, and its working methods and rules. DNA testing is discussed in response to Commission Resolution 1998-8 (*Ann. Rep. int. Whaling Comm* 1999: 55)

17.4 Scientific Committee Future Work Plan

The Scientific Committee will put forward its proposals for the priority work that it believes it should carry out in the next year for comment and endorsement by the Commission.

18. CONSERVATION COMMITTEE

The Conservation Committee will meet in Jersey in the week prior to the Commission meeting. Its report will be available as IWC/63/Rep 5.

This year it will address: (1) progress on investigations into the causes of inedible 'stinky' gray whales; (2) ship strikes; (3) Southern right whale population of Chile-Peru; (4) whalewatching (especially management aspects); (5) whale sanctuaries; (6) conservation management plans; (7) national reports on cetacean conservation. Discussion on some of these issues will be reported on under other items where appropriate.

19. CATCHES BY NON-MEMBER NATIONS

This item provides the opportunity for Contracting Governments to raise issues related to catches by non-member nations.

20. INFRACTIONS, 2010 SEASON

The Infractions Sub-committee will meet in Jersey in the week prior to the Commission meeting. Its report will be circulated as IWC/63/Rep 4.

The Infractions Sub-committee considers matters and documents relating to the International Observer Scheme and Infractions insofar as they involve monitoring of compliance with the Schedule and penalties for infractions thereof [*Rep. int. Whal. Commn* 29:22].

The Sub-committee will consider the following issues:

- infractions reports from Contracting Governments;
- surveillance of whaling operations – this gives Governments the opportunity to comment on their own national inspection schemes;
- checklist of information required or requested under Section VI of the Schedule – this checklist was developed as an administrative aid to the Sub-committee in helping it determine whether obligations under Section VI of the Schedule were being met;
- submission of national laws and regulations concerning whaling.

21. FINANCIAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

Most administrative matters are discussed first by the Finance and Administration Committee. The F&A Committee will meet in Jersey in the week prior to the Commission meeting and its report will be available as IWC/63/Rep 2.

21.1 Annual meeting arrangements and procedures

Under this item the F&A Committee will report on its deliberations on the following three areas:

(1) - The IWC's Technical Committee. This Committee is constituted under Rule of Procedure M.7 and its primary functions are to provide advice on the management of whaling. The Technical Committee has not met at Annual Meetings since IWC/51 in 1999. However, the Commission has agreed to keep the need for a Technical Committee under review.

(2) – The work of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on matters relevant to the Scientific Committee. The Commission briefly reviewed the work of this group at IWC/62 in 2010. The Group had looked at several issues, including the possible separation of the timing of the Scientific Committee meeting from that of the Commission. Given the lack of clarity that existed at that time on the dates and location for IWC/63 the Chair proposed that a fuller discussion of the work of the ICG be scheduled to take place at IWC/63 instead.

(3) – Frequency of Commission meetings. At IWC/62 in 2010 the Chair of the Commission proposed that Annual Meetings be held in 2011 and 2012, but that discussions on the frequency of annual meetings are re-visited in 2011.

21.2 Website

The Committee will report on the Secretariat's progress to maintain translation of the IWC website, and on the associated work to re-design and re-build the site.

21.3 Review of IWC's Rules of Procedure

At IWC/62 in 2010 the Commission endorsed the F&A Committee's recommendation that the Secretary review the Commission's rules and procedures, including its financial rules and procedures, in comparison with other intergovernmental organisations and submit a report to the F&A Committee at IWC/63. This item allows opportunity for discussion of the Secretary's report (IWC/63/F&A3) and any other associated business.

21.4 Carbon neutral study

At IWC/60 in 2008 the Commission agreed that the Secretariat should undertake a study on the feasibility and costs of off-setting the carbon emissions of the operation of the Secretariat and the meetings of the IWC and thus become carbon-neutral. This matter was not considered in previous years because priority was given to the 'Future of the IWC' process. The F&A Committee will report on its discussions.

21.5 Formula for calculating contributions and related matters

The F&A Committee will report on its discussions on the formula for calculating financial contributions or any other related matters.

21.6 Report of the Intersessional Correspondence Group on strengthening IWC financing

At IWC/62 in 2010, the Commission endorsed a recommendation from the F&A Committee that it convene a small group to work by correspondence to examine ways to integrate conservation funding into the overall budget of the IWC (IWC/62/Rep 2). The terms of reference stated the group would 'develop proposals for strengthening the financing of conservation with a view to striking a balance between funding for conservation and funding for management'. The F&A Committee will report on its discussions under this item.

21.7 Financial statements, budgets and other matters considered by the Budgetary Sub-committee

These matters will first have been discussed by the Budgetary Sub-committee who will make recommendations to the F&A Committee. The discussions and recommendations of the F&A Committee will be reported in IWC/62/Rep 2.

Financial matters arising under this agenda item, i.e. Review of provisional financial statement 2010/2011 and Consideration of estimated budgets 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 are dealt with in IWC/63/5 (Financial Statements).

22. DATE AND PLACE OF ANNUAL AND INTERSESSIONAL MEETINGS

22.1 64th Annual Meeting in 2012

In October 2010 the Commission received an offer from the Government of Panama to host the 64th Annual Meeting of the Commission in 2012. Panama may wish to make a brief presentation in connection with its offer.

The Commission has previously agreed that before the end of each Annual Meeting it will decide upon the length of the meeting for the following year. Accordingly the Secretariat will develop a proposed schedule for IWC/64 in 2012 including: (1) proposed duration and dates for the meeting of the Scientific Committee; (2) proposals for which Commission sub-groups need to meet and when; and (3) the length of the plenary meeting. It will be based on the outcome of earlier discussions within the Scientific Committee, Commission sub-groups and plenary discussions up to this point in the agenda.

22.2 Future Commission Meetings

For a number of years the Commission has been discussing the possibility of the Commission moving to biennial meetings while continuing with annual meetings of the Scientific Committee. At IWC/62 in 2010, the Chair of the Commission proposed that annual meetings be held in 2011 and 2012, but that discussions on the frequency of annual meetings are revisited in 2011. These discussions will be held under Agenda Item 21.1.

The Secretariat proposes to seek expressions of interest for hosting future Commission meetings once the outcome of discussions on the possibility of a Commission meeting in 2013 is known.

23. ADVISORY COMMITTEE

At IWC/62 in 2010, the Commissioner for Portugal indicated that he was unable to continue serving on the Advisory Committee and so the Commissioner for Belgium was elected in his place to serve the remainder of the outstanding term (12 months). Accordingly a replacement for the Commissioner for Belgium will need to be elected at IWC/63

24. SUMMARY OF DECISIONS AND REQUIRED ACTIONS

The Chair will refer to the daily reports written by the Secretariat and posted on the IWC's website (www.iwcoffice.org). He will not allow discussions under this item except for points of clarification.

25. OTHER MATTERS

This item may be used to raise any other matters not previously identified in the agenda, and which do not require immediate substantive action by the Commission.