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(Rep. int. Whal. Commn 47)

IWC Resolution 1996-6
Resolution of Provisions for Completing Tthe Revised Management Scheme

Whereas the Commission is developing a Revised Management Scheme for commercial baleen whaling and has adopted a Resolution (IWC Res. 1994-5) accepting that the specification of the Revised Management Procedure given in Annex H (*Rep. int. Whal. Commn 44:145-52*) completed the main scientific component in the Scheme;

Whereas in the same Resolution the Commission has noted that the additional steps required to complete the Revised Management Scheme include agreement on:

- (i) an effective inspection and observation scheme which fully addresses *inter alia* the issues of under-reporting and mis-reporting of catches;
- (ii) further elaboration of the "Guidelines for conducting vessel surveys and analysing data within the Revised Management Scheme" given in Annex J (*Rep. int. Whal. Commn 44:168-74*), as endorsed by the Commission, to ensure adequate levels of international collaboration in survey design, conduct and analysis;
- (iii) arrangements to ensure that the total catches over time are within the limits set under the Revised Management Scheme; and
- (iv) incorporation into the Schedule of the specification of the Revised Management Procedure and the other elements of the Revised Management Scheme;

Whereas the Commission adopted IWC Resolution 1995-7 which *inter alia* has requested that the Scientific Committee prepare, as appropriate, further revisions to the "Guidelines for Conducting Surveys and Analysing Data Within the Revised Management Scheme" given in Annex J (*Rep. int. Whal. Commn 44:168-74*) to improve arrangements for the design and conduct of surveys and the validation and analysis of resulting data;

NOW THEREFORE the Commission

AGREES to accept as a component of the RMS the revised Requirements and Guidelines for Conducting Surveys and Analysing Data within the Revised Management Scheme given in Annex K to IWC/48/4, which were developed in response to IWC Resolution 1995-7;

REAFFIRMS its agreement in IWC Resolution 1995-7 that abundance estimates which are not endorsed by the Scientific Committee will not be used in implementation of the Revised Management Procedure;

AGREES that, to ensure adequate IWC oversight, Contracting Governments different from the party or parties carrying out a survey, or the Scientific Committee, should nominate qualified scientists through the Secretariat for placement on vessels to participate in surveys and report to the Scientific Committee on their conduct. The scientists in question shall be acceptable to the Contracting Government that conducts research; and

AGREES that, with a view to completing work expeditiously on the remaining elements of the Revised Management Scheme, the Working Groups on (1) Supervision and Control and on (2) Abundance Surveys and Implementation of the Revised Management Scheme be combined into a single Working Group on completion of remaining elements of the Revised Management Scheme, which include as specified in IWC Resolution 1994-5;

- (i) an effective inspection and observation scheme;
- (ii) arrangements to ensure that total catches over time are within the limits set under the Revised Management Scheme; and
- (iii) incorporation into the Schedule the specification of the Revised Management Procedure and all other elements of the Revised Management Scheme; and

FURTHER AGREES to consult with the Scientific Committee on the elaboration of arrangements to ensure that total catches over time are within the limits set under the Revised Management Scheme.