

Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 1998
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IWC Resolution 1998-10

Resolution to consider establishment of a mechanism to improve communications between the Commission and its Scientific Committee

WHEREAS Article IV of the ICRW provides that the Commission may (a) encourage, recommend, or if necessary, organise studies and investigations relating to whales and whaling; (b) collect and analyse statistical information concerning the current conditions and trend of the whale stocks and the effects of whaling activities thereon; (c) study, appraise, and disseminate information concerning methods of maintaining and increasing the populations of whale stocks,

WHEREAS the work of the Scientific Committee is vital to the functioning of the Commission in the execution of its mandate,

WHEREAS the Scientific Committee shall, in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, inter alia, consider such additional matters as may be referred to it by the Commission or the Chairman of the Commission,

WHEREAS there have been instances where incomplete communications between the Commission and its Scientific Committee have caused delays in the work of the Scientific Committee and subsequently that of the Commission,

BELIEVING that increased and more effective communications between the Scientific Committee and the Commission will assist in the expeditious completion and implementation of the RMS and the AWMP,

COMMENDING the high quality of the work of the Scientific Committee on these issues,

NOTING the value of informal discussions between Commissioners and the Chairman of the sub-committee on management procedures during the development of the RMP; and similar discussions between interested Commissioners and the Chairman of the Standing Working Group on the Development of the AWMP at this meeting,

NOW THEREFORE the Commission requests the Advisory Committee in close consultation with the Scientific Committee to:

- (i) recommend a process to improve communications between itself and the Commission, and
- (ii) report to the Commission, through its Finance and Administration Committee at its next annual meeting.