

# **Provisional Agenda for the Expert Workshop on Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling (ASW)**

Maniitsoq, Greenland, 14-18 September 2015

## **1 INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- 1.1 Welcoming remarks (Host, Secretary)**
- 1.2 Appointment of Chair (will be done in advance)**
- 1.3 Appointment of rapporteurs and procedure for adopting report**
- 1.4 Adoption of Agenda**
- 1.5 Available documents**

*The Secretariat will ensure that a comprehensive selection of relevant past IWC documents are made available through the IWC website. In addition to 'voluntary papers', papers should be commissioned by invited experts who should be also allowed time to present their material by PowerPoint.*

## **2 BACKGROUND AND OBJECTIVES OF THE EXPERT WORKSHOP**

*The purpose of this item is to introduce ASW issues in the IWC context – this will be a refresher to IWC participants and important background to the 'outside experts'*

- 2.1 Summary of the IWC decision process with respect to ASW including the role of sub-groups, existing IWC definitions of terms and recent decisions (suggest this is a 15-20 minute PowerPoint with short time for questions if needed)**
- 2.2 Objectives of the workshop based upon Resolution 2014-1 and IWC/65/ASWRep01, Appendix 2**

*The Steering Group will develop a draft based upon these documents*

## **3 GENERAL CONSIDERATION OF CULTURAL AND SUBSISTENCE ISSUES OUTSIDE THE IWC RELEVANT TO ASW DISCUSSIONS**

*The purpose of this item is to introduce cultural, subsistence and nutritional issues in the broader world context – this will be of particular value to IWC participants given comments made in the past by some regarding the 'isolationist' discussion that takes place within the IWC*

- 3.1 The Work of the Arctic Council, the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the ILO and other relevant international fora (a 15-20 minute PowerPoint with short time for questions) (at least one expert presents an overview on these aspects, including on rights of indigenous peoples to freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development);**
- 3.2 Evolution of traditional societies in the modern world including the role of subsistence hunting in communities, nutritional considerations with respect to local vs 'outside' food, food security and socio-economic factors including the role of cash (a 15-20 minute PowerPoint with short time for questions if needed) (at least one expert presents an overview on these aspects,**
- 3.3 Possible implications of the above for existing IWC definitions and ASW management**
- 3.4 Conclusions and recommendations**

## **4 INTRODUCTION TO ASW HUNTS**

*The purpose of this item is to allow a short (15 minutes PowerPoint each) introduction to the different ASW hunts. Without being too restrictive the authors should be asked to briefly cover: geographical areas, species involved and how long the hunts have occurred; factors determining the success of hunts (e.g. weather, hunting methods, availability of animals etc.); approx. numbers of hunters/boats involved in the hunts; flensing and distribution systems; associated costs; relationship to overall food supply and nutritional needs etc.)*

- 4.1 Greenlandic hunts
- 4.2 Alaskan hunts
- 4.3 Makah hunt
- 4.4 Chukotkan hunts
- 4.5 Bequian hunt

## 5 CONSIDERATION OF THE CONCEPT OF 'NEED' FOR ASW

*This will be a major item of discussion in the light of both the Resolution and the agreed outline of the workshop. Depending on timing and expertise available there may be appropriate options to split into smaller groups. At the outset it should be noted that the discussion must take into account information from Items 3 and 4.*

- 5.1 **Introduction explaining how 'need statements' are incorporated in to the present IWC system including reference to difficulties encountered (suggest this is a 10-15 minute PowerPoint with short time for questions if needed)**
- 5.2 **Discussion of factors that might be considered in a 'need statement', how they might be incorporated and quantified and how they might change over time (taking into account discussions under Items 3 and 4)**
  - 5.2.1 *Subsistence and nutritional needs (at least one expert presents an overview related to diet and nutritional needs with respect to cetacean products in indigenous societies) – this may include examples from the ASW communities to illustrate similarities and differences amongst hunts*
  - 5.2.2 *Cultural/societal needs related to the role hunts, local foods and distribution systems play in ASW communities (at least one expert presents an overview related to cultural and societal needs with respect to cetacean products in indigenous societies) – this may include examples from the ASW communities to illustrate similarities and differences amongst hunt*
  - 5.2.3 *The relationship between needs and consumption patterns, including socio-economic and direct or indirect commercial aspects of need (at least one expert presents an overview related to this aspect)*
  - 5.2.4 *Other 'uses' (e.g. whale watching, hunting from the same populations in other areas) that may be in conflict with hunting*
  - 5.2.5 *Possible method(s) to integrate different aspects of need into a single quantified 'need' for each hunt (including consideration of multi-species hunts)*
  - 5.2.6 *Other matters*
  - 5.2.7 *Conclusions and recommendations*

## 6 FUTURE CONSIDERATION OF HOW TO IMPROVE THE CONSIDERATION OF 'NEED' IN THE IWC

- 6.1 **Consideration of the advantages and disadvantages in the provision of more 'standardised' needs statements**
- 6.2 **Consideration of options for outline need statements including flexibility and the need for updates**
- 6.3 **Consideration of how to improve the review of need statements by the Commission**
- 6.4 **Conclusions and recommendations**

## 7 OTHER BUSINESS

## 8 WORKPLAN AND PRIORITISED LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS

## 9 ADOPTION OF REPORT