

WHALE KILLING METHODS AND ASSOCIATED WELFARE ISSUES WORKING GROUP

Tuesday 16 June 2009 (afternoon)

DRAFT AGENDA
and annotations**1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- 1.1 Appointment of Chair [*Esko Jaakkola, Finland is proposed*]
- 1.2 Appointment of Rapporteurs
- 1.3 Review of Documents

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**3. DATA PROVIDED ON WHALES KILLED**

This item gives the opportunity for Contracting Parties to provide the information specified in Resolutions 1999-1 and 2001-2. Resolution 1999-1 encouraged reporting of data on whales killed such as numbers killed by each method, number killed instantaneously, times to death, number of whales targeted and missed, number of whales stuck and lost, calibre of rifle where used and how many bullets used and methods used to determine unconsciousness/time of death. Resolution 2001-2 encouraged governments to submit information on variance data on times to death (to the extent possible) and comparative data from the killing of other large mammals.

4. INFORMATION ON IMPROVING THE HUMANENESS OF WHALING OPERATIONS

This agenda item gives the opportunity for Contracting Parties to provide the information specified in Resolution 1997-1 and supported by Resolution 2001-2. Resolution 1997-1 concerns steps being taken to improve the humaneness of aboriginal whaling operations. Resolution 2001-2 encourages all Contracting Governments to provide appropriate technical assistance to reduce time to unconsciousness and death in all whaling operations.

5. PROGRESS WITH WORKSHOP ON WELFARE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENTANGLEMENT OF LARGE WHALES

Last year, the Commission agreed to hold a 3-4 day workshop in the intersessional period after the 2009 Annual Meeting on welfare issues associated with the entanglement of large whales. It will bring together a group of experts to develop guidelines for dealing with entangled whales, including appropriate methods for euthanasia in circumstances when this is the most appropriate course of action. Progress with the planning of the workshop will be reported by a member of the workshop organising committee.

6. OTHER**7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT****TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS*Rule of Procedure C.2*

Observers accredited in accordance with Rule [of Procedure] C.1.(a) and (b) are admitted to all meetings of the Commission and the Technical Committee, and to any meetings of subsidiary groups of the Commission and the Technical Committee, except the Commissioners-only meetings and the meetings of the Finance and Administration Committee.