60th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday 18 June 2008 (morning)

REVISED DRAFT ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS
   1.1. Appointment of Chair *[Jorge Palmeirim, Portugal, is proposed]*
   1.2. Appointment of Rapporteur
   1.3. Review of Documents

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE

   3.1. Progress with the Greenlandic Research Programme

   The Scientific Committee has established an intersessional working group (that will also have one meeting in March) to address specific problems with respect to assessing West Greenland fisheries, with special attention being given to developing an assessment method for common minke whales off West Greenland, developing a management procedure approach for fin whales off West Greenland and further consideration of humpback whales off West Greenland.

   3.1.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
   3.1.2. Discussion and Recommendations

   3.2. Preparation of the *Implementation Review* for gray whales

   The Commission endorsed and adopted the *SLA* for eastern North Pacific gray whales at its Annual Meeting in 2004. An Implementation Review is therefore scheduled for 2009.

   3.2.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
   3.2.2. Discussion and Recommendations

4. ABORIGINAL WHALING SCHEME (AWS)

This item covers those items of management outside the direct calculation of catch limits, e.g. carry-over, survey guidelines, data collection.

   4.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
   4.2. Discussion and Recommendations

5. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING CATCH LIMITS

Catch limits for these stocks were agreed at last year's 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.

   5.1. Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock of bowhead whales (annual review)
      5.1.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
      5.1.2. Discussion and Recommendations

5.2. North Pacific Eastern stock of gray whales (annual review)

5.2.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
5.2.2. Discussion and Recommendations

5.3. Common minke whale stocks off Greenland (annual review)

In the case of the common minke whale catch limits off West Greenland, the Schedule states that the provision will be 'reviewed annually by the Commission, according to the findings and recommendations of the Scientific Committee, which shall be binding.'

5.3.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
5.3.2. Discussion and Recommendations

5.4. West Greenland stock of fin whales

There was no provision for annual review included in the Schedule so this item is included as a holder in case there are any relevant Scientific Committee comments or recommendations.

5.4.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
5.4.2. Discussion and Recommendations

5.5. West Greenland stock of bowhead whales

In the case of bowhead whales off West Greenland, the Commission agreed that the 'quota for each year shall only become operative when the Commission has received advice from the Scientific Committee that the strikes are unlikely to endanger the stock'.

5.5.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
5.5.2. Discussion and Recommendations

5.6. North Atlantic humpback whales off St. Vincent and The Grenadines

There was no provision for annual review included in the Schedule so this item is included as a holder in case there are any relevant Scientific Committee comments or recommendations.

5.6.1. Report of the Scientific Committee
5.6.2. Discussion and Recommendations

5.7. Humpback whales off West Greenland

This agenda item has been included in view of Denmark's request at last year's meeting. When commenting on the draft agenda, Denmark has also indicated that it intends to submit a proposed Schedule amendment to the Commission for the taking of humpback whales off West Greenland.

6. OTHER MATTERS

7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The terms of reference of the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee 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).

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.