

**59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission**

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Tuesday 22 May 2007

**REVISED DRAFT AGENDA**  
and annotations

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- 1.1 Appointment of Chair [*Hyun-Jin Park, Republic of Korea, is proposed*]
- 1.2 Appointment of rapporteur(s)
- 1.3 Review of documents

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE

Terms of Reference for the Conservation Committee were discussed at IWC/56 and IWC/57 and touched upon briefly at IWC/58 last year. They have not yet been agreed. Some Contracting Governments continue to believe that there are some outstanding issues in relation to the establishment of the Committee that need to be resolved to enable all IWC members to participate in the work of the Committee.

The Conservation Committee may wish to give further consideration to these matters. In doing so, it may wish to refer to the Commission's discussions at IWC/58 on the Conservation Committee report (see section 16.2 of Chair's Report of IWC/58).

4. CONSERVATION AGENDA

4.1 Progress with ongoing work

During the meeting of the Conservation Committee at IWC/57 in Ulsan, Belgium presented a document (IWC/57/CC 7) that *inter alia* proposed a range of issues that could be included on a Conservation Agenda. Many Contracting Governments supported the proposal to focus initially on a limited number of priority areas and the Commission subsequently endorsed recommendations to: (1) establish a research programme to address the issue of inedible 'stinky' gray whales caught by the Chukotkan aboriginal subsistence hunters; and (2) make progress on the issue of whales being killed or seriously injured by ship strikes. This item provides an opportunity to review and discuss progress with these two projects.

- 4.1.1 Investigation of inedible 'stinky' gray whales
  - Report on progress
  - Committee discussions and recommendations

- 4.2.1 Ship strikes
  - Report from the Ship Strikes Working Group
  - Committee discussions and recommendations

A report will be available from the Ship Strikes Working Group. In addition, when commenting on the Draft Agenda circulated to Commissioners and Contracting Governments on 15 February 2007 (Circular Communication IWC/CCG/596), Australia noted that it intended to submit a country report on ship strikes.

#### 4.2 Other issues

The Conservation Committee may wish to consider whether it wishes to initiate work in addition to the two existing projects. In doing so it may wish to refer to Document IWC/57/CC 7 and to the discussions at last year's meeting (Document IWC/58/Rep 5). Submission of proposals in advance of the meeting would be helpful.

### 5. WHALE SANCTUARIES

In commenting on the Draft Agenda, Australia noted that while it would not be submitting a sanctuary proposal at IWC/59, it wished to submit a document for discussion under the sanctuaries agenda item providing an update on whale protection measures in the Pacific region.

In its comments on the Draft Agenda, Brazil indicated that because at last year's meeting the Conservation Committee endorsed its proposal to establish a South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary (with the exception of Denmark), it would not be submitting a document to the Conservation Committee this year. It will however, submit a proposed Schedule amendment to the Commission (see item 8.2 of Commission agenda).

#### 5.1 Update on whale protection measures in the Pacific region

##### 5.1.1 Introduction by Australia

##### 5.1.2 Committee discussions and recommendations

#### 5.2 Other

### 6. NATIONAL REPORTS ON CETACEAN CONSERVATION

A number of Contracting Governments submitted voluntary national reports on cetacean conservation last year. They were again welcomed by the Conservation Committee who encouraged more countries to submit reports to the 2007 meeting.

#### 6.1 Introduction of national reports

#### 6.2 Committee discussion and recommendations

### 7. OTHER MATTERS

### 8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

## 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.