59th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission

INFRACTIONS SUB-COMMITTEE
Thursday 24 May 2007 (morning)

DRAFT AGENDA
and annotations

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

   1.1 Appointment of Chair
   1.2 Appointment of Rapporteur
   1.3 Review of Documents

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. INFRACTIONS REPORTS FROM CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS

   Last year at IWC/58, the Sub-committee adopted a revised form for reporting infractions, including reporting details of any infractions committed in previous years that remain unresolved. This revised form will have been circulated to Contracting Governments by the Secretariat. While use of the form is not compulsory, Contracting Governments do have to fulfil their reporting obligations under Article IX.4 of the Convention.

   3.1 Reports for 2006

   3.2 Follow-up on earlier reports

4. SURVEILLANCE OF WHALING OPERATIONS

   This item gives Governments the opportunity to comment on their own national inspection schemes.

5. CHECKLIST OF INFORMATION REQUIRED OR REQUESTED UNDER SECTION VI OF THE SCHEDULE

   This Checklist was developed as an administrative aid to the Sub-committee in helping it to determine whether obligations under Section VI of the Schedule were being met. It is not compulsory for Contracting Governments to fill in the Checklist although, of course, they do have to fulfil their obligations under this Section of the Schedule.

6. SUBMISSION OF NATIONAL LAWS AND REGULATIONS

   An update of national legislation supplied to the Commission will be provided.

7. OTHER MATTERS

   7.1 Reports from Contracting Governments on availability, sources and trade in whale products

   The Commission has adopted a number of Resolutions inviting Contracting Governments to report on the availability, sources and trade in whale products, i.e. 1994-7, 1995-7, 1996-3, 1997-2 and 1998-8. This agenda item provides the opportunity for Contracting Governments to provide the information specified in these Resolutions.

   7.2 Other

8. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Infractions Sub-committee considers matters and documents relating to the International Observer Scheme and Infractions insofar as they involve monitoring of compliance with the Schedule and penalties for infractions thereof (*Rep. int. Whal. Commn* 29: 22).

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.