

59th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission
ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING SUB-COMMITTEE

Wednesday 23 May 2007 (from mid-morning)

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA
and annotations

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- 1.1 Appointment of Chairman [*Conall O'Connell, Australia, 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 (regarding fin and minke whales)

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 minke and fin whales.

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

3.2 *Implementation Review* for bowhead whales

The Scientific Committee hopes to complete the *Implementation Review* at the 2007 Annual Meeting. The purpose of the *Implementation Review* is to determine whether any new information on B-C-B bowhead whale stock structure indicates that the present situation is outside the region of parameter space tested during *SLA (Strike Limit Algorithm)* development.

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

3.3 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.

- 3.3.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
- 3.3.2 Discussion and Recommendations

4. ADVICE ON OTHER GREENLANDIC STOCKS

At last year's meeting, the Commission agreed to Denmark's request that the Scientific Committee be asked to review stocks of humpback whales in West Greenland waters and bowhead whale stocks in the Davis Straits East Canadian Arctic.

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

5. 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.

- 5.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
- 5.2 Discussion and Recommendations

6. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING CATCH LIMITS

Existing catch limits for these stocks expire in 2007. The Commission will therefore need to set new catch limits based on management advice from the Scientific Committee and needs statements. The Sub-committee will need to consider any new needs statements as part of this process.

- 6.1 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock of bowhead whales
 - 6.1.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 6.1.2 Discussion and Recommendations
- 6.2 North Pacific Eastern stock of gray whales
 - 6.2.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 6.2.2 Discussion and Recommendations
- 6.3 Minke whale stocks off Greenland
 - 6.3.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 6.3.2 Discussion and Recommendations
- 6.4 West Greenland stock of fin whales
 - 6.4.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 6.4.2 Discussion and Recommendations
- 6.5 North Atlantic humpback whales off St. Vincent and The Grenadines
 - 6.5.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 6.5.2 Discussion and Recommendations

7. OTHER MATTERS

8. 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.

