

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

**CONSERVATION COMMITTEE**

Friday 9 June 2006

**REVISED DRAFT AGENDA**  
and annotations

**1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- 1.1 Appointment of Chair
- 1.2 Appointment of rapporteur(s)
- 1.3 Review of documents

**2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**3. FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE**

Although Terms of Reference for the Conservation Committee were discussed at both IWC/56 and IWC/57 they have not yet been agreed. In addition, some Contracting Governments 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. At IWC/57, the Chair of the Commission noted with some disappointment the quite different views between two large groups within the Commission over the value of this Committee. He hoped that continued discussions of the kind initiated by a small group at IWC/56 in Sorrento might be able to resolve these differences.

The Committee may wish to continue such discussions.

**4. CONSERVATION AGENDA**

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. It was understood that the Committee may consider initiating work on other items at a later date.

- 4.1 Investigation of inedible 'stinky' gray whales
  - 4.1.1 Report on progress
  - 4.1.2 Committee discussions and recommendations
- 4.2 Ship strikes
  - 4.2.1 Report from the Ship Strikes Working Group
  - 4.2.2 Committee discussions and recommendations
- 4.3 Other issues

The Conservation Committee may wish to consider whether it wishes to initiate work on other issues. In doing so it may wish to refer to Document IWC/57/CC 7 'Outline proposal for the IWC Conservation Agenda' prepared for and discussed at last year's meeting of the Conservation Committee.

## 5. WHALE SANCTUARIES

In commenting on the Draft Agenda circulated to Commissioners and Contracting Governments on 8 March 2006 (Circular Communication IWC/CCG.535), Australia and New Zealand, and Brazil indicated that they wished to discuss whale sanctuaries during the Conservation Committee.

### 5.1 Proposed South Pacific Whale Sanctuary

Australia and New Zealand intend to submit a paper on threats to whales in the region. They do not intend to put forward a proposal for the creation of a South Pacific Whale Sanctuary to the Commission for formal adoption this year.

#### 5.1.1 Introduction by Australia/New Zealand

#### 5.1.2 Committee discussions and recommendations

### 5.2 Proposal to establish a South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary

Brazil and Argentina intend to again put forward a formal proposal to the Commission to establish a South Atlantic Whale Sanctuary. This will be discussed under plenary agenda item 9.2, but Brazil has requested that its proposal also be addressed by the Conservation Committee. As last year, its proposal will be supported by Document IWC/57/4.

#### 5.2.1 Introduction by Brazil/Argentina

#### 5.2.2 Committee discussions and recommendations

## 6. NATIONAL REPORTS ON CETACEAN CONSERVATION

Last year several Contracting Governments submitted voluntary national reports on cetacean conservation. They were welcomed by the Conservation Committee. Any Contracting Government wishing to submit a report to IWC/58 is welcome to do so.

### 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.