

63rd Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission**WHALE KILLING METHODS AND ASSOCIATED WELFARE ISSUES WORKING GROUP**

14.00 Hrs

Tuesday 5 July 2011

**DRAFT AGENDA
and annotations****1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS**

- 1.1. Appointment of Chair [Herman Oosthuizen, South Africa, is proposed]
- 1.2. Appointment of Rapporteur [Greg Donovan, Secretariat, is proposed with support from a national delegate]
- 1.3. Review of Documents

2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**3. DATA PROVIDED ON WHALES KILLED**

This item allows Contracting Government to provide the information specified in Resolutions 1999-1 and 2001-2. Resolution 1999-1 encouraged reporting of data on whales killed including the number killed by each method, the number killed instantaneously, times to death, number of whales targeted and missed, number of whales struck and lost, calibre of rifle where used, number of bullets used and methods to determine unconsciousness/time to death. Resolution 2001-2 encouraged governments to submit information on variance data on times to death (to the extent possible) and comparative data from the killing of other large mammals.

4. INFORMATION ON IMPROVING THE HUMANENESS OF WHALING OPERATIONS

This item allows Contracting Governments to provide information specified in Resolution 1997-1 and supported by Resolution 2001-2. Resolution 1997-1 concerns steps being taken to improve the humaneness of aboriginal whaling operations. Resolution 2001-2 encourages all Contracting Governments to provide appropriate technical assistance to reduce time to unconsciousness and death in all whaling operations.

4.1. Reports from Contracting Governments**4.2. Report of Whale Welfare and Ethics Workshop**

At IWC/62 in 2010 the UK proposed to hold a Welfare and Ethics workshop to collate knowledge on the current status of animal welfare science and management policies globally and allow expert discussion and analysis of such information. The UK will present a report from the workshop to IWC/63.

The workshop, held 22-23 March, in Cornwall brought together international experts in animal welfare science, policy and legislation, animal ethics, animal research and wild animal welfare, and participants received and discussed presentations reviewing the welfare implications of whale research, whale watching, whaling, entanglements and ship strikes.

The workshop produced a series of conclusions focussed on animal welfare management of intentional human-whale interactions, namely: the use of cetaceans in scientific research; killing and euthanasia of cetaceans and whale watching. The workshop further agreed a series of recommendations to the IWC.

5. WELFARE ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE ENTANGLEMENT OF LARGE WHALES

An IWC workshop on welfare issues associated with the entanglement of large whales was held in April 2010 in Maui, Hawaii and an account of the findings of the workshop was provided to IWC 62 in 2010. This item allows opportunity to receive progress reports related to the workshop's recommendations and any other follow up work arising.

6. OTHER

7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Working Group is established to review information and documentation available with a view to advising the Commission on whale killing methods and associated welfare issues (*Chairman's Report of the 52nd Annual Meeting* held in 2000).

ADMISSION OF OBSERVERS

Rule of Procedure C.2

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