

58th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission
ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING SUB-COMMITTEE

Sunday 11 June 2006 (afternoon until coffee break)

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA
and annotations

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

- 1.1 Appointment of Chair [*Howard Bamsey, 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

The Scientific Committee will have considered abundance, stock identity and *SLA* (*Strike Limit Algorithm*) exploration and development. Last year the Committee agreed that making progress on *SLA* development and the provision of short-term management advice in the interim are of high priority. Management advice will be dealt with under Item 5.3 and 5.4.

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

3.2 Planning for the *Implementation Review* for bowhead whales

Last year the Scientific Committee agreed to undertake an *Implementation Review* aimed for completion 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* development. The Scientific Committee will have reviewed progress on trial design and coding for B-C-B whales.

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

4. 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.

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

5. ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE WHALING CATCH LIMITS

Catch limits have been set for these stocks until 2007 but the status of the stocks is reviewed annually by the Scientific Committee. The Schedule makes specific provision for the annual review of the catch limits by the Commission in the light of Scientific Committee advice for stocks considered under items 5.1 and 5.2.

- 5.1 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock of bowhead whales
 - 5.1.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 5.1.2 Discussion and Recommendations

- 5.2 North Pacific Eastern stock of gray whales
 - 5.2.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 5.2.2 Discussion and Recommendations
- 5.3 Minke whale stocks off Greenland
 - 5.3.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 5.3.2 Discussion and Recommendations
- 5.4 West Greenland stock of fin whales
 - 5.4.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 5.4.2 Discussion and Recommendations
- 5.5 North Atlantic humpback whales off St. Vincent and The Grenadines
 - 5.5.1 Report of the Scientific Committee
 - 5.5.2 Discussion and Recommendations
- 6. OTHER MATTERS
- 7. 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.