

57th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission
WORKING GROUP ON THE REVISED MANAGEMENT SCHEME

Wednesday and Thursday 15 and 16 June

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA
and annotations

1. INTRODUCTORY ITEMS

1.1 Appointment of Chair

Henrik Fischer (Denmark), Chair of the Commission is proposed.

1.2 Introductory remarks and objectives of the meeting

The Chair will make some introductory remarks and outline his objectives for the meeting.

1.3 Reporting

The Chair will outline his proposal for handling the report of the meeting, including its format and content.

Nicky Grandy and Greg Donovan (Secretariat) are proposed as rapporteurs.

1.4 Review of documents

The Chair will note briefly the documents prepared and distributed for the meeting.

2. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

3. COMMENTS ON THE REPORTS FROM THE RMS WORKING GROUP AND SMALL DRAFTING GROUP

Any written comments submitted on the reports circulated following the RMS meetings in Copenhagen in March/April this year will be collated and made available to the meeting.

4. PROGRESS WITH FURTHER TECHNICAL WORK

As a result of discussions at the Copenhagen meetings:

- The Specialist Group on DNA registers/market sampling schemes was to finalise technical specifications and requirements for diagnostic DNA registers and market sampling schemes killed (see Annex 12 of IWC/57/RMS 4);
- New Zealand, Sweden and other interested parties were encouraged to develop further details for an IWC-operated catch documentation scheme prior to IWC/57 killed (see Annex 12 of IWC/57/RMS 4);
- The UK, Australia, Argentina and New Zealand agreed to explore what additional compliance measures the Commission may be able to take legitimately within the context of the current Convention and to prepare a paper for review by the Working Group in Ulsan.
- The Specialist Technical Group on Animal Welfare was requested to further develop proposed minimum conditions under which whales can be killed (see Annex 12 of IWC/57/RMS 4).

Those involved with the above will have an opportunity to report back on progress. The SDG noted that further development of the technical specifications for VMS was also needed and drew this to the attention of the RMS Working Group (see Annex 6 of IWC/57/RMS 4).

5. ASSESSMENT OF PROGRESS WITH INTERSESSIONAL WORK IN RELATION TO RESOLUTION 2004-6

The RMS Working Group should assess progress with the intersessional work on the RMS since IWC/56 last year with respect to the 3rd operative paragraph of Resolution 2004-6 on Completion of the Revised Management Scheme and decide what further work is necessary to prepare for discussions of the Commission in Plenary. The 3rd operative paragraph reads.....

‘NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

AGREES to proceed expeditiously towards the completion of both the drafting of text and technical details of the RMS according to the attached Intersessional Plan of Work with the aim of having the results ready for consideration, including for possible adoption, at IWC57, and/or to identify any outstanding policy and technical issues.’

6. OTHER MATTERS

7. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

Terms of Reference

Resolution 2004-6 indicated that the RMS Working Group will have the following responsibilities:

1. To complete work on the RMS package, with the goal of having a finalized RMS text ready for consideration, including for possible adoption, at IWC 57, and/or to identify any outstanding policy and technical issues.
2. To take account of delegates’ comments at IWC 56, as well as written submissions from delegates.
3. To provide guidance to, and to review the work of, the Small Drafting Group.

RMS WG to be open to observers.

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.