

Annex B1

Agenda

1. Introductory items
 - 1.1 Chair's welcome and opening remarks
 - 1.2 Appointment of rapporteurs
 - 1.3 Meeting procedures and time schedule
 - 1.4 Establishment of sub-committees and working groups
 - 1.5 Computing arrangements
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Review of available data, documents and reports
 - 3.1 Documents submitted
 - 3.2 National Progress reports on research
 - 3.3 Data collection, storage and manipulation
 - 3.3.1 Catch data and other statistical material
 - 3.3.2 Progress of data coding projects and computing tasks
4. Cooperation with other organisations
 - 4.1 Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS)
 - 4.1.1 Scientific Council
 - 4.1.2 Agreement on Small Cetaceans of the Baltic and North Sea (ASCOBANS)
 - 4.1.3 Agreement on the Conservation of Cetaceans of the Black Sea, Mediterranean Sea and Contiguous Atlantic Area (ACCOBAMS)
 - 4.2 International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)
 - 4.3 Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)
 - 4.4 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
 - 4.5 Convention for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR)
 - 4.6 Southern Ocean GLOBEC (SO-GLOBEC)
 - 4.7 North Atlantic Marine Mammal Commission (NAMMCO)
 - 4.7.1 Scientific Committee
 - 4.7.2 Council
 - 4.8 International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN)
 - 4.9 Food & Agriculture Organisation (FAO)
 - 4.10 North Pacific Marine Science Organisation (PICES)
 - 4.11 Eastern Caribbean Cetacean Commission (ECCO)
 - 4.12 Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPA) of the Cartagena Convention for the Wider Caribbean
5. Revised Management Procedure (RMP) – general issues
 - 5.1 Finalise the guidelines and requirements for implementing the RMP
 - 5.1.1 Develop the thresholds for defining 'acceptable' and 'borderline' performance for classifying the performance of RMP variants for Implementation Simulation Trials
 - 5.1.2 Develop a list of agreed stock structure archetypes
 - 5.2 Proposal for revision of the CLA
 - 5.2.1 General approach to such considerations
 - 5.2.2 Consideration of the Norwegian proposal
 - 5.3 Work plan
6. RMP – preparations for implementation
 - 6.1 Western North Pacific Bryde's whales
 - 6.1.1 Report from the First Intersessional Implementation Workshop for western North Pacific Bryde's whales (SC/58/Rep 1)
 - 6.1.2 Finalise the Implementation Simulation Trials
 - 6.1.3 Recommended action
 - 6.2 North Atlantic fin whales
 - 6.2.1 Progress on completing the pre-implementation assessment

- 6.2.1.2. Report of the Joint NAMMCO/IWC Scientific Workshop on the Catch History, Stock Structure and Abundance of North Atlantic Fin Whales (SC/58/Rep 3)
- 6.2.1.3 Report of the intersessional workshop
- 6.2.1.4 Progress on completion of the pre-implementation assessment
- 6.2.2 Recommended action
- 6.2.3 Consideration of surveys under the guidelines and requirements
 - 6.2.3.1 Norwegian surveys
 - 6.2.3.2 Other
- 7. Estimation of bycatch and other human-induced mortality (BC)
 - 7.1 Estimation of bycatch based fisheries data and observer programmes
 - 7.1.1 Co-operation with FAO on fishing fleet data and the Fishery Resources Monitoring System partnership (FIRMS).
 - 7.1.2 Review progress on standardising reporting in Progress Reports.
 - 7.1.3 Information on new European Union bycatch monitoring schemes.
 - 7.1.4 Methods to determine appropriate observer coverage levels needed in a fishery to estimate bycatch.
 - 7.2 Estimation of bycatch based on genetic work
 - 7.2.1 Review progress on inter-sessional work related to market sampling
 - 7.2.2 Planning for a follow-up workshop on the use of market sampling to estimate bycatch.
 - 7.3 Other issues
 - 7.3.1 Information and methods on estimates of cetacean mortality caused by vessel strikes
 - 7.3.2 Information and methods on estimates of cetacean mortality caused by other human activities
 - 7.4 Workplan
- 8. Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Management Procedure (AWMP)
 - 8.1 Greenlandic fisheries and the Greenland Research Programme
 - 8.1.1 Stock structure, range and movement
 - 8.1.2 Abundance and trends
 - 8.1.3 Preliminary consideration of management procedures
 - 8.2 Planning for the *Implementation Review* for bowhead whales
 - 8.2.1 Report of the intersessional workshop
 - 8.2.2 Stock structure
 - 8.2.3 Catch history
 - 8.2.4 Abundance
 - 8.2.4.1 Chukotka
 - 8.2.4.2 Barrow
 - 8.2.5 Modelling framework for the 2007 Implementation Review
 - 8.2.5.1 The use of a simple multi-stock model in the process
 - 8.2.5.2 Mixing matrices
 - 8.3 Aboriginal Whaling Scheme
- 9. Aboriginal subsistence whaling stock assessments
 - 9.1 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas bowhead whale stock structure (also see Annex F)
 - 9.2 Annual review of catch data and management advice for the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas bowhead whale
 - 9.2.1 Catch information
 - 9.2.2 Management advice
 - 9.3 Annual review of catch data and management advice for the eastern North Pacific gray whale
 - 9.3.1 New scientific information
 - 9.3.2. Catch information
 - 9.3.3 Management advice
 - 9.4 Annual review of catch data and management advice for minke and fin whales off Greenland
 - 9.4.1 Catches
 - 9.4.2 Assessments
 - 9.4.2.1 Common minke whales
 - 9.4.2.2 Fin Whales
 - 9.4.3 Management advice
 - 9.4.3.1 Introduction
 - 9.4.4 Common minke whales
 - 9.4.5 Fin whales

- 9.4.6 Other research recommendations
- 9.5 Annual review of catch data and management advice for humpback whales off St Vincent and The Grenadines
 - 9.5.1 Catches
- 9.6 Catches by non-member nations
- 9.7 Work plan
- 10. Whale stocks
 - 10.1. Southern Hemisphere minke whales (also see Annex G)
 - 10.1.1. Estimate abundance of Antarctic minke whales
 - 10.1.1.1. 2004/05 cruise
 - 10.1.1.2 Circumpolar series
 - 10.1.1.3 Simulated data
 - 10.1.1.4 Additional variance
 - 10.1.1.5 Future work
 - 10.1.2. Catch-at-age analyses of the Antarctic minke whales
 - 10.1.3. Reasons for differences between minke abundance estimates from CPII and CPIII
 - 10.2 In-depth assessment of Western North Pacific common minke whales with a focus on J-stock
 - 10.2.1 Report from intersessional working group
 - 10.2.2.1 Stock structure
 - 10.2.2.2 Distribution and abundance
 - 10.2.2.3 Other
 - 10.2.2.4 Work plan
 - 10.3 In-depth assessment of Southern Hemisphere humpback whales (SH)
 - 10.3.1 Report of the intersessional workshop on Southern Hemisphere humpback whales
 - 10.3.2 Comprehensive Assessment of Southern Hemisphere humpback whales
 - 10.3.2.1 Biological parameters
 - 10.3.2.2 Southern Hemisphere Humpback whale Assessments
 - 10.3.2.2.1 Feeding Grounds
 - 10.3.2.2.1 Breeding Grounds
 - 10.3.2.3 Antarctic humpback whale catalogue (AHWC)
 - 10.4 In-depth assessment Southern Hemisphere blue whales (SH)
 - 10.4.1 Distribution
 - 10.4.2 Stock structure
 - 10.4.3 Abundance and trends in abundance
 - 10.4.4 Biological parameters
 - 10.4.5 Other information
 - 10.3.2.3 and 10.4.6 Workplan
 - 10.5 Other small stocks of bowhead, right and gray whales
 - 10.5.1 Small stocks of bowhead whales
 - 10.5.2 North Atlantic right whales
 - 10.5.3 Southern Hemisphere right whales
 - 10.5.4 Other small stocks of right whales
 - 10.5.5 Western North Pacific stock of gray whales
 - 10.5.6 Work plan
 - 10.6. SOWER cruises
 - 10.6.1. 2005/06 cruise
 - 10.6.2. Short- and long-term recommendations for future SOWER cruises
 - 10.6.2.1. Recommendations for the 2006/07 cruise
 - 10.6.2.2. Recommendations for the long term
 - 10.7 Abundance and trends using JARPA data
 - 10.8 Other abundance estimation methodological issues
 - 10.9 Historic abundance estimation – genetic methods
 - 10.10 Work plan
- 11. Stock Definition (SD)
 - 11.1 Review progress on the Testing of Spatial Structure Models (TOSSM) project
 - 11.2 Review of statistical and genetic issues relating to population structure
 - 11.4 Workplan

- 12. Environmental Concerns (E)
 - 12.1 Seismic surveys and cetaceans
 - 12.1.1 Major recommendations
 - 12.1.1.1 Overview of the global seismic industry: today and future trends.
 - 12.1.1.2 The effects of scale and location: ‘critical’ habitats and wider ranges
 - 12.1.1.3 Methods for extrapolating from individual short-term responses to long-term effects at the population level and consideration of a model of the process from sound to population level effects
 - 12.1.1.4 Case studies
 - 12.1.1.5 Mitigation and monitoring
 - 12.1.1.6 Advice for member governments
 - 12.2 Ecosystem modelling
 - 12.2.1 Co-operation with CCAMLR and FAO
 - 12.2.2 Results from modelling exercises
 - 12.3 Other habitat related issues
 - 12.3.1 POLLUTION 2000+: Review final report of phase I
 - 12.3.2 Progress report on Southern Ocean Collaboration Working Group
 - 12.3.3 State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER)
 - 12.3.4 Sea ice: Arctic and Antarctic
 - 12.3.5 Diseases: developing plans for a future workshop
 - 12.3.6 Potential value to the Committee from information on handling and release of cetaceans
 - 12.3.7 Other issues
 - 12.4 Work plan
- 13. Small cetaceans (SM)
 - 13.1 Review of the status of small cetaceans in the Caribbean (excluding the Gulf of Mexico) and the western tropical Atlantic.
 - 13.1.1 Distribution
 - 13.1.2 Abundance
 - 13.1.3 Stock structure
 - 13.1.4 Life history, ecology and habitat use
 - 13.1.5 Directed takes and incidental mortality
 - 13.1.6 Other
 - 13.1.7 Consideration of status
 - 13.2 Progress on previous recommendations
 - 13.2.1 Baiji
 - 13.2.2 Vaquita
 - 13.2.3 Harbour porpoise
 - 13.2.4 Franciscana
 - 13.2.5 Humpback dolphins
 - 13.2.6 Other recommendations
 - 13.3 Takes of small cetaceans
 - 13.4 Work plan
- 14. WHALEWATCHING (WW)
 - 14.1 Assessing biological impacts of whalewatching on cetaceans
 - 14.1.1 Framework for assessing impacts on population dynamics
 - 14.1.2 Quantitative methods for assessing impacts
 - 14.1.2.1 Methods
 - 14.1.2.2 Case studies on population level effects
 - 14.1.2.3 Case studies on short-term effects
 - 14.1.3 Recommendations for strategic long-term research designs
 - 14.2 Identify data sources from platforms of opportunity of potential value to the Scientific Committee
 - 14.3 Other issues
 - 14.3.1 Review reports from intersessional working groups
 - 14.3.2 Review potential impacts of ‘swim-with’ programmes on populations of cetaceans
 - 14.3.3 Review of whalewatching guidelines and regulations
 - 14.3.4 Review of risk to cetaceans from colliding with whalewatching vessels
 - 14.4 Other
 - 14.5 Workplan

15. DNA testing (DNA)
 - 15.1 Genetic methods for species, stock and individual identification
 - 15.2 Collection and archiving of samples from catches and bycatch
 - 15.3 Reference databases and standards for a diagnostic register of DNA profiles
 - 15.4 Work plan
16. Scientific permits (SP)
 - 16.1 Improving the Committee's procedure for reviewing scientific permit proposals
 - 16.2 Review of results from existing permits
 - 16.2.1 Japan – Antarctic minke whales, fin whales
 - 16.2.2 Japan – North Pacific common minke, Bryde's, sei and sperm whales
 - 16.2.3 Iceland – North Atlantic common minke whales
 - 16.2.4 Preparations for JARPA review
 - 16.3 Review of new or continuing proposals
17. Whale sanctuaries
18. Research and Workshop proposals and results
 - 18.1 Review results from previously funded research proposals
 - 18.2 Review proposals for 2006/07
19. Committee priorities and initial agenda for the 2007 meeting
 - 19.2 Committee priorities for 2007
20. Data processing and computing needs for 2005/2006
21. Funding requirements for 2006/2007
22. Working methods of the committee
23. Election of officers
24. Publications
25. Any other business
26. Adoption of report