

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
 - 3.3.4 Archiving of simulated datasets to test abundance estimation methods
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 Seas (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) Scientific Committee Council
 - 4.8 World Conservation Union (IUCN)
 - 4.9 Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) related meetings – Committee on Fisheries (COFI)
 - 4.10 Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna (CITES)
 - 4.11 North Pacific Marine Science Organisation (PICES)
 - 4.12 Eastern Caribbean Cetacean Commission (ECCO)
 - 4.13 Protocol on Specially Protected Areas and Wildlife (SPAW) of the Cartagena Convention for the Wider Caribbean
5. Revised Management Procedure (RMP) – general issues (Annex D)
 - 5.1 Further evaluate proposed 'threshold' levels for Guidelines and Requirements for implementation
 - 5.2 MSY rates
 - 5.3 Mechanism for revision of the RMP
6. RMP – Preparations for *Implementation* (Annex D)
 - 6.1 Western North Pacific Bryde's whales
 - 6.1.1 Complete Implementation of western North Pacific Bryde's whales
 - 6.1.2. Recommended action
 - 6.2. North Atlantic fin whales
 - 6.2.1 New information
 - 6.2.2 Completion of the pre-implementation assessment
 - 6.2.3 Recommended action
 - 6.3 *Implementation Review* for western North Pacific common minke whales
 - 6.4 *Implementation Review* for Central and Northeastern Atlantic common minke whales
 - 6.4.1. New information
 - 6.4.2 Consideration of resources and workplan
 - 6.5 Work plan
7. Estimation of bycatch (Annex J)
 - 7.1 Information and methods to estimate bycatch based on fisheries data and observer programmes
 - 7.1.1 Collaboration with FAO on collation of relevant fisheries data
 - 7.1.2 Progress on joining FIRMS
 - 7.1.3 Feedback on European Union (EU) bycatch monitoring schemes
 - 7.1.4 Modelling approaches to determining appropriate levels of observer coverage
 - 7.1.5 NOAA workshop on the bases for determining serious injuries in whales
 - 7.1.6 Other methods of determining survival of previously entangled whales
 - 7.1.7 Other information relating to bycatch
 - 7.2 Methods to estimate bycatch based on genetic data
 - 7.2.1 Progress on intersessional work related to market sampling
 - 7.3 Information and methods to estimate cetacean mortality caused by vessel strikes
 - 7.3.1 Results from data collected on vessels relevant to ship strikes
 - 7.3.2 Report of the IWC Vessel Strike Data Standardisation Group
 - 7.3.3 Summary of activities of the Conservation Committee on ship strikes
 - 7.3.4. Progress on 2006 SC recommendations
 - 7.4 Other issues
 - 7.4.1 Methods for estimating additional human-induced mortalities e.g. from acoustic sources and marine debris
 - 7.5 Work plan

- 8. Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Management Procedure (Annex E)
 - 8.1 Completion of the *Implementation Review* for B-C-B bowhead whales
 - 8.1.1 Intersessional work
 - 8.1.2 Results of trials
 - 8.2 Review progress on the Greenlandic Research programme
 - 8.2.1 Stock structure, range, movement
 - 8.2.2 Catch distributions
 - 8.2.3 Abundance and trends
 - 8.3 Progress with the development of management procedures
 - 8.4 Preparation for an *Implementation Review* of Eastern Gray Whales
 - 8.5 Scientific aspects of an Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Scheme (AWS)
 - 8.5.1 General issues arising out of the B-C-B Bowhead Implementation Review
 - 8.6 Work plan
- 9. Aboriginal subsistence whaling stock assessments
 - 9.1 Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas (B-C-B) bowhead whale stock structure (Annex F)
 - 9.1.1 Stock structure hypotheses
 - 9.1.2 Other new scientific information
 - 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 and stranding information
 - 9.3.3 Management advice
 - 9.4 Management advice for common minke and fin whales off west Greenland
 - 9.4.1 Catch data
 - 9.4.2 Assessment of common minke whales off West Greenland
 - 9.4.3 Assessment of fin whales off West Greenland
 - 9.4.4 Management advice for common minke whales off West Greenland
 - 9.4.5 Management advice for fin whales off west Greenland
 - 9.4.6 Management advice for common minke whales off East Greenland
 - 9.5 Humpback whales off St. Vincent and The Grenadines (Annex E)
 - 9.6 Request for management advice for other large whales off West Greenland
 - 9.6.1 Humpback whales
 - 9.6.2 Bowhead whales
- 10. Whale stocks
 - 10.1 Results of the 2006/07 SOWER cruise (Annex G)
 - 10.1.1 Cruise report
 - 10.1.2 Review of experiments
 - 10.2 Southern Hemisphere minke whales
 - 10.2.1 Estimate abundance of Antarctic minke whales
 - 10.2.2. Reasons for differences between minke abundance estimates from CPII and CPIII
 - 10.2.3 Catch-at-age analyses
 - 10.2.4 Dwarf minke whale
 - 10.3 In-depth assessment of Western North Pacific common minke whales with a focus on J-stock (Annex G1)
 - 10.3.1 Stock structure
 - 10.3.2 Distribution and abundance
 - 10.3.3 Other
 - 10.3.4 Work Plan
 - 10.4 Finalisation of the Southern Hemisphere catch data series (Annex H)
 - 10.5 In-depth assessment of Southern Hemisphere humpback whales
 - 10.5.1 Issues related to N_{min} and depensation for modelling of humpback whales
 - 10.5.2 Humpback whale distribution at mid latitudes based on historic catches and JSV data
 - 10.5.3 In-depth assessment of Southern Hemisphere humpback whales Breeding Stocks B and C
 - 10.5.4 Other issues related to Southern Hemisphere humpback whales
 - 10.5.2 Work Plan and Budget requests (Humpback Whales)
 - 10.6 Progress on the in-depth assessment of Southern Hemisphere blue whales
 - 10.6.1 Report of the intersessional email group
 - 10.6.2 Distribution, movements and stock structure
 - 10.6.3 Abundance estimates
 - 10.6.4 Trends in abundance
 - 10.6.5 Preliminary assessments
 - 10.6.6 Other
 - 10.6.7 Work Plan and Budget requests (blue whales)
 - 10.7 Western North Pacific stock of gray whales (Annex F)
 - 10.7.1 New scientific information
 - 10.7.3 Telemetry studies
 - 10.8 Eastern Arctic bowhead whales
 - 10.8.1 Stock structure
 - 10.8.2 Abundance
 - 10.8.3 Other new scientific information
 - 10.9 Other small stocks of bowhead, right and gray whales
 - 10.9.1 Small stocks of bowhead whales
 - 10.9.2 North Atlantic right whales
 - 10.9.3 Southern Hemisphere right whales
 - 10.9.4 Other small stocks of right whales
 - 10.10 North Pacific sei whales (Annex G)
 - 10.10.1 Consider beginning a North Pacific sei whale in-depth assessment
 - 10.11 Sperm whales (Annex G)
 - 10.11.1 Consider beginning a sperm whale in-depth assessment
 - 10.12 Future SOWER cruises (Annex G)
 - 10.12.1 Recommendations for the 2007/08 cruise
 - 10.12.2 Recommendations for the long term
- 11. Stock definition (Annex I)

- 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
 - 11.2.1 Scoring errors and mutation rates
 - 11.2.2 DNA data quality
- 11.3 Workplan
- 12. Environmental concerns (Annex K)
 - 12.1 Workshop on Infectious and non-infectious diseases of marine mammals and impact on cetaceans
 - 12.2 POLLUTION 2000+
 - 12.3 Southern Ocean collaboration (SOC)
 - 12.4 Planning and coordination of IWC's participation in the CCAMLR/IWC International Polar Year survey in 2008
 - 12.5 Progress with respect to the Commission's request on handling and release of entangled cetaceans
 - 12.6 Other habitat related issues
 - 12.6.1 Progress on planning for a possible climate change workshop
 - 12.6.2 State of the Cetacean Environment Report (SOCER)
 - 12.6.3 Progress in acoustics
 - 12.6.4 Sea ice: Arctic and Antarctic
 - 12.7 Work plan
- 13. Ecosystem modelling (Annex K1)
 - 13.1 Review progress on joint CCAMLR/IWC Workshop on modelling Antarctic krill predators
 - 13.2 Review collaboration with FAO
 - 13.3 Review of progress in the development of ecosystem models
 - 13.4 Review of data relevant to parameter estimation and ecological interactions
 - 13.5 Work Plan
- 14. Small cetaceans (Annex L)
 - 14.1 Review of population structure, systematics and status of killer whales
 - 14.1.1 Distribution and abundance
 - 14.1.2 Stock structure
 - 14.1.3 Life history
 - 14.1.4 Ecology
 - 14.1.5 Habitat
 - 14.1.6 Directed takes and incidental mortality
 - 14.1.7 Other
 - 14.1.8 Consideration of status
 - 14.2 Infectious and non-infectious diseases of marine mammals and impact on cetaceans
 - 14.3 Progress on previous recommendations
 - 14.3.1 Baiji
 - 14.3.2 Vaquita
 - 14.3.3 Harbour Porpoise
 - 14.3.4 Sotalia
 - 14.3.5 Other
 - 14.4. Takes of small cetaceans
 - 14.5 Other
 - 14.6 Work plan
- 15. Whalewatching (Annex M)
 - 15.1 Assessing biological impacts of whalewatching on cetaceans
 - 15.1.1 Quantifying baselines
 - 15.1.2 Methods
 - 15.1.3 Population-level effects
 - 15.1.4 Short-term effects
 - 15.2 Data sources from platforms of opportunity of potential value to the Scientific Committee
 - 15.3 Other issues
 - 15.3.1 Whalewatching in Alaska
 - 15.3.2 Discuss and organise a workshop on the strategic planning of large-scale whalewatching research
 - 15.3.3 Swim-with-whale operations
 - 15.3.4 Review of whalewatching guidelines and regulations
 - 15.3.5 Other
 - 15.3.6 Review of risk to cetaceans from colliding with whalewatching vessels
 - 15.4 Work plan
- 16. DNA testing (Annex N)
 - 16.1 Genetic methods for species, stock and individual identification
 - 16.2 Collection and archiving of tissue samples from catches and bycatches
 - 16.3 Reference databases and standards for diagnostic DNA registries
 - 16.4 Work plan
- 17. Scientific permits (Annex O)
 - 17.1 Review of Results from JARPA
 - 17.1.1 Report of the JARPA Review Workshop (SC/59/Rep1)
 - 17.1.2 Additional Committee discussion
 - 17.2 Review of results from existing permits
 - 17.2.1 JARPA II
 - 17.2.2 JARPN II
 - 17.2.3 Iceland
 - 17.3 Review of new or continuing proposals
 - 17.4 Improving the Committee's procedures for reviewing scientific permit proposals and research results
 - 17.5 Use of any new protocol in the future work of the Committee
- 18. Whale sanctuaries
- 19. Request from the Japanese Government with respect to Western North Pacific common minke whales
- 20. Research and workshop proposals and results
 - 20.1 Review results from previously funded research proposals
 - 20.2 Review proposals for 2007/08
- 21. Committee priorities and initial Agenda for the 2008 meeting
 - 21.1 Committee priorities for 2008
- 22. Data processing and computing needs for 2007/08

23. Funding requirements for 2007/08
24. working methods of the committee
 - 24.1 Working papers
 - 24.2 DAA issues
25. Election of officers
26. Publications
27. Other business
 - 27.1 Review updates to the list of recognised species of cetaceans
28. Adoption of report