

DRAFT AGENDA

Intersessional Meeting on Southern Hemisphere Humpback Whale Assessment Methodology, Seattle 3-6 Feb 2009

1. Introductory Items
 - 1.1. Opening Remarks
 - 1.2. Election of Chair
 - 1.3. Appointment of rapporteur
 - 1.4. Adoption of the agenda
 - 1.5. Review of documents

2. Data Categories for Assessment Models
 - 2.1. General
 - 2.1.1. Allocation of feeding ground catches (**Topics to discuss [TD]: Genetic data linking feeding and breeding grounds, mixture modeling to identify the proportion of individuals from the various breeding stocks in different sectors of the Antarctic feeding grounds, information from Discovery marks.**)

 - 2.2. Breeding Stock C (BSC)
 - 2.2.1. Existing data categories and progress in data evaluation (**TD: agreement that data types explicitly included in the baseline assessment remain as agreed in Santiago, error checking of genotype error rates for abundance and interchange estimates**)

 - 2.2.2. Additional data (**TD: detailing of further data to be used for qualitative justification of assessment assumptions and for confirmation of assessment outputs [e.g. CPUE series], and of further data [e.g. new photo-id matches, genetic matches] made available since IWC 60. If and how would data in this last category can be incorporated in assessments to be prepared for the Madeira SC meeting and what is the deadline for acceptance of the data**)

 - 2.3. Breeding Stock B (BSB)
 - 2.3.1. Existing data categories and progress in data evaluation (**TD: agreement whether data types explicitly included in the assessment of B1 as presented in Santiago in SC/60/SH41 are the most appropriate for further assessments, error checking of genotype error rates for abundance and interchange estimates**)

 - 2.3.2. Additional data (**TD: detailing of data might be used for assessment of B2, any further data which might be suitable for use for qualitative justification of assessment assumptions and for confirmation of assessment outputs, and of further data [e.g. new photo-id matches, genetic matches] made available since IWC 60. If and how would data in this last category can be incorporated in assessments to be prepared for the Madeira SC meeting and what is the deadline for acceptance of the data**)

 - 2.3.3. Information on exchange between BSB and BSC

 - 2.4. Breeding Stocks D, E and F (BSD, BSE, BSF)

