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Maximum Sustainable Yield Rate (MSYR) Review Workshop

At the last Annual Meeting, it was agreed that a Workshop should be held to ensure that sufficient progress is made to allow a thorough review of plausible MSY rates (currently $MSYR_{(mat)}=1\%$ to 7%) for use in Revised Management Procedure (RMP) trials at the 2008 meeting and, if appropriate, to revise the range. The full Terms of Reference for the Workshop can be found on the IWC Website (http://www.iwcoffice.org/sci_com/workshops/MSYRworkshop.htm) and further details can be found in IWC/59/Rep 1 Annex D.

As agreed, relevant background documents have been posted on the IWC website (http://www.iwcoffice.org/sci_com/workshops/MSYRworkshop.htm) and further items, including the Agenda which is being developed over the next two weeks, will be added as they become available.

This Workshop will be held from Friday 16th to Monday 19th November 2007, inclusive, at the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Seattle, USA. In order to ensure that the appropriately-sized meeting rooms are available, it is **essential** that you inform the Secretariat (helen.sharp@iwcoffice.org) as soon as possible that you wish to attend and certainly by **8th October 2007**. If attending, you must return a completed 'Homeland Security Requirements' Form (attached) to Jeff Breiwick (jeff.breiwick@noaa.gov). This must be received **at least 30 days** before the meeting.

In addition, Committee members are requested to:

- (a) indicate to Helen Sharp, with a copy to Greg Donovan, (greg.donovan@iwcoffice.org) whether they will be submitting new papers to the Workshop and to provide, if possible, a brief abstract of what they will contain or topics they will address;
- (b) submit any relevant 'in press' or 'in review' papers as soon as possible via the Secretariat (helen.sharp@iwcoffice.org) - it is of course possible to include a note on restrictions on citation.

A block booking has been made at the Watertown hotel and the special rate for a studio room is \$136 single occupancy, plus 15.6% tax (please quote 'IWC meeting'). For further information please refer to the hotel's website www.watertownseattle.com.

Greg Donovan
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HOMELAND SECURITY REQUIREMENTS FORM

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