

Provisional Schedule for IWC/61, Madeira, Portugal, 2009

Tables 1 and 2 illustrate proposed timings for the various parts of the series of meetings taking place during IWC/61. Table 1 provides the overall timing (the timing for IWC/56 to IWC/60 is provided for comparison), while Table 2 provides suggestions as to which of the Commission's sub-groups need to meet and how they should be scheduled. The proposal stays within the time-frame suggested by the Government of Portugal.

As last year, the Scientific Committee is scheduled over 13 days. During the set-up period prior to this, the opportunity will be taken to schedule Scientific Committee pre-meetings (see Table 2) that will take place on 29 and 30 May (i.e. the two days immediately prior to the start of the Scientific Committee).

Following the Scientific Committee it is proposed that the following sub-groups meet:

- Conservation Committee;
- Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues;
- Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-committee;
- Infractions Sub-committee;
- Budgetary Sub-committee;
- Finance and Administration Committee.

Three days have been set-aside for these meetings of the Commission's sub-groups and sessions to discuss the future of IWC (Table 2).

As this year, a full day has been set aside at this time for a private meeting of Commissioners. Again as this year, a full day would allow time for the Commission to have a closed session to discuss the future of the organisation as well as to attend to more routine business.

Five days have been set aside for the meeting of the Commission in Plenary.

Action required: The Commission is invited to review the proposal and amend it as appropriate.

Table 1: Proposed timing for IWC/61 and actual timing of recent Annual Meetings

IWC/61, Madeira, Portugal, 2009 ¹																																	
May						June																											
	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
<i>Day</i>			<i>Set-up</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Set-up</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	
			<i>Pre-mtg</i>			<i>Scientific Committee</i>														<i>CM</i>	<i>Set-up</i>			<i>Committees/Working Groups</i>				<i>Priv C mtg</i>	<i>Plenary</i>				
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

IWC/60, Santiago, Chile, 2008 ²																																	
May						June																											
	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	
<i>Day</i>			<i>Set-up</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>Set-up</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	
			<i>Pre-mtg</i>			<i>Scientific Committee</i>														<i>CM</i>	<i>Set-up</i>			<i>Committees/Working Groups</i>				<i>Priv C mtg</i>	<i>Plenary</i>				
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

IWC/59, Anchorage, May 2007																													
	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	
	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
<i>Day</i>	<i>Set-up</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>7</i>	<i>8</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>Set-up</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>Set-up</i>			<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i>	<i>4</i>	
	<i>Pre-mtg</i>			<i>Scientific Committee</i>												<i>CM</i>	<i>Prep SC report</i>			<i>Committees/Working Groups</i>			<i>Review reports & doc translation</i>	<i>Priv C mtg</i>	<i>Plenary</i>				
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	

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IWC/58, St. Kitts and Nevis, May/June 2006																															
May														June																	
	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues		
	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20		
<i>Day</i>	<i>Set-up</i>			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<i>Set-up</i>			1	2	3	4	5	<i>Set-up</i>			1	2	3	4	5
		<i>Pre-mtg</i>		<i>Scientific Committee</i>												<i>CM</i>		<i>Committees/Working Groups & WKM workshop</i>						<i>Priv C mtg</i>	<i>Plenary</i>						
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29		

IWC/57, Ulsan, May/June 2005																																	
May														June																			
	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
<i>Day</i>			<i>Set-up</i>				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12			1	2	3	4	5	<i>Set-up</i>			1	2	3	4	
			<i>Pre-mtgs</i>			<i>Scientific Committee</i>												<i>CM</i>	<i>Set-up</i>	<i>Committees/Working Groups</i>						<i>Priv C mtg</i>	<i>Plenary</i>						
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	

IWC/56, Sorrento, June/July 2004																																	
June														July																			
	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat	Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			24	25	26	27	28	29	30	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
<i>Day</i>				<i>Set-up</i>			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	<i>Set-up</i>			1	2	3	4	<i>Set-up</i>			1	2	3	4	
					<i>Pre-mtg</i>	<i>Pre-mtg</i>	<i>Scientific Committee</i>												<i>CM</i>		<i>Sub-groups</i>						<i>Priv C mtg</i>	<i>Plenary</i>					
				1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27			

- Set-up** - time needed for Secretariat to set-up office and meeting rooms and copying of documents (note that the transition between each of the three sections of the meeting requires set-up time)
- Pre mtg** - small-scale pre-meetings of the Scientific Committee.
- CM** - Scientific Convenors meeting – debrief, work plan and arrangements of sub-committees and selection of convenors for next meeting
- WK** - Workshop on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues
- Priv C mtg** - Private Commissioner's meeting

Table 3. Possible Schedule of Meetings during the 61st Annual Meeting, Madeira, Portugal 2009

Day no.		Date		Activity		
1.	Thursday	28.	May	Set-up (and pre-meetings of the Scientific Committee on 29 and 30 May ³)		
2.	Friday	29.	May			
3.	Saturday	30.	May			
4.	Sunday	31.	May	Scientific Committee (13 days)		
5.	Monday	1.	June			
6.	Tuesday	2.	June			
7.	Wednesday	3.	June			
8.	Thursday	4.	June			
9.	Friday	5.	June			
10.	Saturday	6.	June			
11.	Sunday	7.	June			
12.	Monday	8.	June			
13.	Tuesday	9.	June			
14.	Wednesday	10.	June			
15.	Thursday	11.	June			
16.	Friday	12.	June			
17.	Saturday	13.	June	Scientific Committee Convenors Meeting		
18.	Sunday	14.	June	Preparation of Scientific Committee Report		
19.	Monday	15.	June	Preparation of Scientific Committee Report		
				<i>Morning</i>		<i>Afternoon</i>
20.	Tuesday	16.	June	CC	WKM	BSC
21.	Wednesday	17.	June	ASW	INF	Discussions on future IWC
22.	Thursday	18.	June	Discussions on future IWC	F&A	
23.	Friday	19.	June	Preparation and review of sub-group reports/document translation		
24.	Saturday	20.	June	review of sub-group reports/document translation		
25.	Sunday	21.	June	Private meeting of Commissioners		
26.	Monday	22.	June	61st Annual Commission Meeting		
27.	Tuesday	23.	June			
28.	Wednesday	24.	June			
29.	Thursday	25.	June			
30.	Friday	26.	June			

CC Conservation Committee
WKM Working Group on Whale Killing Methods and Associated Welfare Issues
ASW Aboriginal Whaling Sub-committee
INF Infractions Sub-committee
BSC Budgetary Sub-committee
F&A Finance and Administration Committee

³ i.e. a pre-meetings of the RMP and AWMP sub-committees (these sub-committees will not meet concurrently).