

Draft Annotated Agenda

1. Introduction

The Chairman will open the meeting at 9.30 a.m. on Tuesday, 25 April 2006. A presentation on the harbour porpoise in Finnish waters (historical overview) will follow.

2. Adoption of Rules of Procedure

3. Adoption of the Agenda

4. Implementation of the ASCOBANS Triennial Workplan (2004 - 2006)

4.1. ASCOBANS Baltic Recovery Plan ("Jastarnia Plan")

4.1.1. Implementation

Consideration of implementation measures carried out by Parties

4.1.2. Outcome of 2nd Meeting of Jastarnia Group

The Chair of the Jastarnia Group will present the report of the Group's first Meeting (Doc. 28); the Secretariat will present draft terms of reference for a contract study on fishing effort in the Baltic (DDoc. 31)

4.2. ASCOBANS Recovery Plan for Harbour Porpoises in the North Sea (NSRP)

4.2.1. Progress report

The Chair of the Steering Group will present a progress report; Sonja Eisfeld will present a revised draft of the Recovery Plan (DDoc. 18).

4.3. Possible amendment of ASCOBANS to cover all species of cetaceans (reports of ad hoc working group)

The members of the Ad Hoc Working Group, Peter Evans and Mark Simmonds, will present their respective reports (Docs. 22a and 22b).

4.4. Bycatch issues

4.4.1 Review of progress in bycatch mitigation and report to MOP 5

4.5. Abundance survey (SCANS II), preliminary results

Phil Hammond will provide an overview of preliminary results.

4.6. Review of new information on population distribution, sizes, structures and bycatches of small cetaceans

5. Ongoing Issues

5.1. Pollution, noise pollution, disturbance

5.1.1. High speed ferries

Secretariat's update on information submitted by Parties (Doc. 27).

5.1.2. Military

5.1.3. Offshore extractive activities and wind farms

5.1.4. Report by Pollutants Working Group

5.2. Post-mortem and stranding schemes

Consideration of data submitted by Parties (Doc. 30).

5.3. Publicity/PR Issues

5.3.1. Parties/Range States

Parties will report on relevant activities and developments since AC 12.

5.3.2. Secretariat

The Secretariat will present its 5th biannual report on PR activities (Doc. 26).

- 5.4. Annual National Reports
Consideration of annual national reports for 2005 (in so far as available, Doc 20).
- 5.5. National legislation/protected areas
Parties will present relevant developments since AC 12.
- 5.6. Accessions of Range States; extension of Agreement area
Secretariat's update.
6. 4th Meeting of Parties
 - 6.1. Preparations for MOP 5
Secretariat's update.
 - 6.2. Draft Triennial Workplan 2007-2009
 - 6.3. Draft resolutions for MOP 5
(DDocs. 10 – 17, 21)
7. Business Session
 - 7.1. Budgetary issues
 - 7.1.1. Report on Budget for 2005
Secretariat's report (Doc. 9)
 - 7.1.2. Outline of budget for 2006
 - 7.1.3. Outline of budget for 2007-2009
DDoc. 11
 - 7.2. Administrative issues
 - 7.3. Meetings to be attended in 2006/2007
Consideration of list presented by Secretariat (DDoc 19).
8. Any other business
9. Date and venue of next meeting
10. Agreement on draft report
11. Close of meeting

Note:

In order to save time, opening statements are not included. Any state or observer wishing to make a statement is kindly requested to provide this in writing only.