

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
WORKING GROUP ON VESSEL ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCING
MINUTES OF THE 1ST MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)
7 October 2002

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of Chairman
3. Adoption of the agenda
4. Current system for calculating vessel assessments
5. Possible modification to the current system
6. Other business
7. Adjournment

APPENDICES

1. List of attendees

The 1st Meeting of the Working Group on Vessel Assessments was held in La Jolla, California (USA) on October 7, 2002. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

1. Opening of the meeting

Dr. Robin Allen, Director of the IATTC, which functions as Secretariat for the AIDCP, declared the meeting open.

2. Election of Chairman

Mr. Arnulfo Franco of Panama was elected to chair the meeting.

3. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was approved as presented.

4. Current system for calculating vessel assessments

Dr. Allen presented a brief summary of the background to the way the vessel assessments were calculated. He also explained the current system for allocating the assessments, based on the volume of the fish-carrying wells of each vessel authorized to fish in the EPO and participating in the IDCP.

5. Possible modification to the current system

The European Union made an oral presentation of some proposals for an alternative system for determining vessel assessments, which it considered more equitable, to include the following elements: (1) all vessels actively fishing would pay a base fee, although smaller vessels could perhaps be exempted, to produce a given percentage of the total; (2) vessels that set on dolphins would pay a higher fee, based on the idea that observers on these vessels incur higher costs; and (3) payment should be based on the average days at sea spent by the observer, rather than a flat fee based on well volume.

Dr. Allen noted that the Secretariat had proposed for consideration the idea of charging separately for net alignments and captain seminars, costs that only vessels with DMLs incur, but that once at sea the costs for observers are essentially the same for all vessels.

A discussion of the EU proposals then ensued, with several delegations noting in particular the difficulties that would be presented by charging fees to small vessels. Most delegations stated that they were not prepared to discuss at this time the question of alternative payment systems, but were willing to consider the matter further. The EU agreed to put its proposals in writing for consideration by the next meeting of the Working Group. It was also agreed that any delegation could present proposals on this matter.

The Secretariat was asked to prepare a document detailing the costs of the services it renders to the IDCP.

6. Other business

It was agreed that the group would meet again for one day in conjunction with the meeting of the IRP in February 2003.

7. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on 7 October 2002.

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**WORKING GROUP ON VESSEL ASSESSMENTS
GRUPO DE TRABAJO SOBRE CUOTAS DE BUQUES**

1st MEETING – 1^a REUNION

**October 8, 2002
La Jolla, California**

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