

International Whaling Commission

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Monitoring, control and surveillance of commercial whaling - the Revised Management Scheme (RMS). Although IWC has agreed a scientifically robust method for calculating safe catch limits for whale stocks (the Revised Management Procedure – RMP), it has also agreed that before this method is implemented and the current moratorium on commercial whaling lifted, an inspection and observation scheme must be in place to ensure that agreed catch limits are not exceeded. It is this combination of scientific and non-scientific factors that comprises the RMS. The Commission is currently putting significant effort into trying to reach agreement on an improved inspection and observation scheme and a number of meetings were held during 2002 on this matter.

management regimes for aboriginal subsistence whaling; this work has been given high priority by the Commission. At its 49th Annual Meeting (2002), the Commission endorsed

