##  ADDENDUM 1

**In-Session Version**

## SCIENTIFIC COUNCIL COMMENTS

## (arising from ScC-SC2)

**SUSTAINABLE BOAT-BASED MARINE WILDLIFE WATCHING**

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**GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE DOCUMENT**

* The Sessional Committee considered the draft guidelines as comprehensive and well-structured.
* It was considered important that in the coming triennium the guidance on boat-based and in-water activities was brought together, since these activities often occur together.
* Some concerns were raised whether the guidelines relating to seabirds and sharks were practical and would indeed result in reduced disturbance as intended.

**COMMENTS ON SPECIFIC SECTIONS/ INCLUDING POSSIBLE PROPOSALS FOR TEXT REVISION**

Page 4, 10th preambular paragraph

* Include the full name of ACCOBAMS.

Page 25, explanation to 4th bullet point

* Correct “feeding areas” to “inter-nesting habitat”.

Page 50, paragraph 12.BB

* In point b), add a reference to ACCOBAMS, since they also work on whale watching and are also members of the IWC Standing Working Group on Whale Watching.

**RECOMMENDATIONS TO COP12**

* Recommended for adoption.