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Letter from Fisheries and Oceans Canada on catches from the Eastern Canada –West Greenland stock of bowhead whales

During IWC/62 in Agadir, Morocco the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling sub-Committee met to discuss aboriginal subsistence whaling catch limits. Under agenda item 5.5 the sub-Committee discussed catches and catch limits for the Eastern Canada-West Greenland stock(s) of bowhead whales. As a part of those discussions the sub-Committee requested the Secretariat to contact the government of Canada to request information on Canadian catches and catch limits from this stock.

Accordingly the Secretariat wrote to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada to request the necessary information and their reply is attached.

Dr. Simon Brockington Secretary to the Commission