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

At IWC/63 in 2011 the Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Sub-Committee met to discuss aboriginal subsistence whaling catch limits. Under its Agenda Item 5.5 it discussed catches and catch limits for the Eastern Canada – West Greenland stock of bowhead whales, details of which can be found in IWC/63/Rep 3.

As part of those discussions the Sub-Committee recommended that the Secretariat should continue to contact the Government of Canada to request information on catches from this stock by the Canadian Aboriginal Peoples.

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

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Secretary to the Commission

c.c. Intergovernmental Organisation observers to the IWC

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