

28th Annual Meeting, 1978
(Rep. int. Whal. Commn 27)

IWC Resolution 1976-4
Adherence to the Convention

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks, and

WHEREAS the Commission has adopted a regulation related to the taking of sperm whales in the North Atlantic ocean establishing a catch limit of 685 animals as the maximum number which can be safely removed from this stock,

AND WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited by vessels under the jurisdiction of a member of the Commission, Iceland, and by vessels under the jurisdiction of Spain and Portugal, which are not members of the Commission.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that catches of sperm whales in the North Atlantic ocean in 1977 do not exceed the catch limit which has been established by the Commission, to prevent the over-exploitation of this stock.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Governments of Spain and Portugal, requesting their co-operation with regard to the conservation of the sperm whale stocks of the North Atlantic ocean, and urging them to join the Commission.

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IWC Resolution 1976-5
Prohibition of Transfer of Vessels, Equipment and Assistance

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks, and

WHEREAS, the said Commission had adopted a New Management Procedure to carry out that purpose, and

WHEREAS, the sale, charter, transfer, loan or delivery of vessels, equipment or supplies likely to be used for whaling operations; the dissemination of whaling expertise; and the granting of other assistance necessary to the conduct of whaling operations to any nation or entity under the jurisdiction of such nation which is not a member of the International Whaling Commission would seriously detract from the effectiveness of the management procedures adopted by the International Whaling Commission.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that all member nations of the International Whaling Commission should:

- (1) prohibit the sale, charter, transfer, loan or delivery of vessels, equipment or supplies likely to be used for whaling operations to any nation or entity under the jurisdiction of any nation which is not a member of the International Whaling Commission; and
- (2) take all practicable steps to discourage the dissemination by its citizens of expertise and assistance necessary to the conduct of whaling operations in any form, including, but not limited to
 - (a) the training of personnel;
 - (b) the designing of ships, land stations, or other facilities to be used in the conduct of whaling operations; and
 - (c) financial aid for whaling operations;

to any nation or any entity under the jurisdiction of any nation which is not a member of the International Whaling Commission.

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IWC Resolution 1976-6
Bowhead Whales

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having noticed the evidence for an increased effort on bow-head whales in the North American Arctic which species generally is protected in all Oceans;

concerned that the continued relatively high loss rate of struck whales in Alaska should be reduced (without increasing the total take);

noting the recommendations of the Scientific Committee to improve assessments of current population;

recommends

that Contracting governments as early as possible take all feasible steps to limit the expansion of the fishery and to reduce the loss rate of struck whales.

Gray Whales

THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

noting that gray whales are generally protected in the Pacific Ocean;

noting the recommendation of the Scientific Committee concerning the desirability of establishing regulations to reduce harrassment of gray whales in breeding areas by Mexican and United States nationals;

recommends

that Contracting governments establish such regulations as soon as possible.

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IWC Resolution 1976-7
**Resolution of the Scientific Committee in Appreciation of the Work
of the Retiring Secretary**

The Scientific Committee unanimously concurs in recommending to the Commission that Reginald Stacey be designated Secretary Emeritus. This newly created position requires that the Secretary Emeritus attends, at his pleasure, all appropriate meetings, receptions, dinners and other official and non-official functions of the IWC.

The Secretary Emeritus will serve without financial remuneration and shall not be provided with any voting authority. The freedom imposed by these latter restrictions will permit the Secretary Emeritus to fulfill all requisite and non-requisite duties free of bias and other onerous burdens.

The Committee would also like to record on this last occasion before the setting up of the new secretariat, its appreciation of the support services provided during this and earlier years by the secretariat loaned on a part-time basis by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food staff of the UK.