

SCHEDULE AMENDMENT

Submitted by the Kingdom of Denmark

The Kingdom of Denmark has conducted intensive and broad consultations among IWC-members since 2013 with a view to solving the short term issue of establishing strike limits for the taking of whales off West and East Greenland for the years 2015-2018 as well as the long term issue on an improved science based future management of aboriginal subsistence whaling. The chair of the IWC has assisted in facilitating the process with the support of the Bureau and the Secretariat. The draft schedule amendment is submitted under paragraph J.1 of the rules of procedure.

The proposed schedule amendment by the Kingdom of Denmark is part of a broader package on aboriginal subsistence whaling which also includes a draft resolution on strengthened IWC management of ASW submitted by all members of the European Union that are members of the IWC as well as a revised needs statement for Greenland prepared by the Government of Greenland and submitted by the Kingdom of Denmark in explanation of this schedule amendment.

Other contracting governments are encouraged to support the above-mentioned package with a view to achieving a decision at IWC-65 in accordance with paragraph E of the rules of procedure stipulating that the Commission shall make every effort to reach its decisions by consensus.

Baleen Whale Catch Limits

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(b) Catch limits for aboriginal subsistence whaling are as follows:

- (3) The taking by aborigines of minke whales from the West Greenland and Central stocks and fin whales from the West Greenland stock and bowhead whales from the West Greenland feeding aggregation and humpback whales from the West Greenland feeding aggregation is permitted and then only when the meat and products are to be used exclusively for local consumption.
 - (i) The number of fin whales struck from the West Greenland stock in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed ~~46~~ **19** in each of the years ~~2010, 2011~~ **2015, 2016, 2017** and ~~2012~~ **2018**.^{§§}
 - (ii) The number of minke whales struck from the Central stock in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 12 in each of the years ~~2008, 2009, 2010, 2011~~ **2015, 2016, 2017** and ~~2012~~ **2018**, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the quota of any subsequent years, provided that no more than 3 shall be added to the quota for any one year.[§]
 - (iii) The number of minke whales struck from the West Greenland stock shall not exceed ~~178~~ **164** in each of the years ~~2010, 2011~~ **2015, 2016, 2017** and ~~2012~~ **2018**, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the strike quota of any of the subsequent years, provided that no more than 15 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year. This provision will be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the ~~5~~ **4** year period and if necessary amended on basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee.[§]
 - (iv) The number of bowhead whales struck off West Greenland in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 2 in each of the years ~~2008, 2009, 2010, 2011~~ **2015, 2016, 2017** and ~~2012~~ **2018**, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the quota of any subsequent years, provided that no more than 2 shall be added to the quota for any one year. This provision will be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the ~~5~~ **4** year period and if necessary amended on basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee.[§]
 - (v) The number of humpback whales struck off West Greenland in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed ~~9~~ **10** in each of the years ~~2010, 2011~~ **2015, 2016, 2017** and ~~2012~~ **2018**, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the strike quota of any of the subsequent years, provided that no more than 2 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year. This provision will be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the remaining quota period and if necessary amended on the basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee.[§]