

CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS  
AND CONTRACTING GOVERNMENTS  
IWC.CCG.635

**Amendments to the Schedule**  
**International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling 1946**

At the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of IWC in Anchorage, Alaska, no modifications were made to the provision for zero catch limits for commercial whaling with effect from the 1986 coastal and 1985/86 pelagic whaling seasons, but the provisions regarding catch limits for aboriginal subsistence whaling were modified. The following amendments to the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling are therefore necessary (changes are in ***bold italics***):

*Paragraphs 11 and 12, and Tables 1, 2 and 3:*

Substitute the dates ***2007/2008*** pelagic season, ***2008*** coastal season, ***2008*** season, or ***2008*** as appropriate.

*Paragraph 13.(b)(1):*

In sub-paragraph (i), substitute the dates 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 by ***2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012*** and the dates 1998-2002 by ***2003-2007***.

Delete sub-paragraph (iii).

*Paragraph 13.(b)(2)(i):*

Substitute the dates 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007 by ***2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012***.

*Paragraph 13.(b)(3) and footnotes 2 and Δ in Table 1:*

Amend paragraph 13.(b)(3) 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*** is permitted and then only when the meat and products are to be used exclusively for local consumption.
  - (i) The number of fin whales from the West Greenland stock taken in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed ~~the limits shown in Table 1~~ ***19 in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012***.
  - (ii) The number of minke whales from the Central stock taken in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 12 in each of the years ~~2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007~~ ***2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012***, 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 ***of the*** 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 ~~175~~ **200** in each of the years ~~2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007~~ **2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012**, except that any unused portion of the ~~strike~~ quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the strike quota of any 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 year period and if necessary amended on the basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee~~ **annually by the Commission, according to the findings and recommendations by the Scientific Committee, which shall be binding.**
- (iv) ***The number of bowhead whales struck off West Greenland taken in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 2 in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, 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. Furthermore, the quota for each year shall only become operative when the Commission has received advice from the Scientific Committee that the take is unlikely to endanger the stock.***

Amend Column 'FIN', Table 1 as follows:

a) footnote 2 should read:

“Available to be taken by aborigines pursuant to paragraph 13 (b) 3. Catch limit for each of the years **2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.**”

b) footnote Δ should be deleted.

*Paragraph 13.(b)(4):*

Substitute 2003-2007 by **2008-2012**.

Delete the last sentence starting ‘The quota for the seasons....’.

As there are quite a few amendments this year, they are also illustrated in the attached amended Schedule.

In accordance with Article V of the Convention, these amendments become effective with respect to each Contracting Government ninety days following the date of this letter, unless any Contracting Government lodges an objection, in which case the procedure under Article V, paragraph 3 of the Convention will be followed.

The ninety days period will expire on **10 September 2007**. In the absence of objections by that date, the amendments will become effective. Contracting Governments will be notified accordingly.

Contracting Governments are reminded that Article V, paragraph 3 of the Convention requires them to acknowledge receipt of this notification of amendments. In order to encourage compliance with this requirement, a form of acknowledgement is attached. Please complete this and return it to the Secretariat by post, fax or email as is most convenient.

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cc: Non-member Government Observers (for information).

**INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION FOR THE  
REGULATION OF WHALING, 1946**

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SCHEDULE**

I acknowledge receipt of notification of the amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946 adopted at the 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission, as set out in Circular Communication IWC.CCG.635 dated 13 June 2007.

Signed (or name and position if e-mailed) .....

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