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CIRCULAR COMMUNICATION TO COMMISSIONERS
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Objection to Schedule Amendment - Czech Republic

The Government of the Czech Republic has presented an objection in accordance with Article V paragraph 3(a) of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling regarding the amendments to the Schedule notified in Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1028 of 8 August 2012. The amendments were the establishment of catch limits for Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling for the period 2013-2018 for bowhead whales from the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Sea, for gray whales from the Eastern stock in the North Pacific and for humpback whales around St. Vincent and The Grenadines. The amendments to the Schedule also included substitution as appropriate of the dates 2012/13 pelagic season, 2013 coastal season or 2013 in paragraphs 11 and 12 and Tables 1, 2 and 3 of the Schedule.

A copy of the notification received from the Czech Republic is enclosed.

Article V, paragraph 3(a) of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946) states:

“Each of such amendments shall become effective with respect to the Contracting Governments ninety days following notification of the amendment by the Commission to each of the Contracting Governments, except that **(a) if any Government presents to the Commission objection to any amendment prior to the expiration of this ninety-day period, the amendment shall not become effective with respect to any of the Governments for an additional ninety days;** (b) thereupon, any other Contracting Government may present objection to the amendment at any time prior to the expiration of the additional ninety-day period, or before the expiration of thirty days from the date of receipt of the last objection received during such additional ninety-day period, whichever date shall be the later; and (c) thereafter, the amendment shall become effective with respect to all Contracting Governments which have not presented objection but shall not become effective with respect to any Government which has so objected until such date as the objection is withdrawn. The Commission shall notify each Contracting Government immediately upon receipt of each objection and withdrawal and each Contracting Government shall acknowledge receipt of all notifications of amendments, objections, and withdrawals.”

Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1028 giving notification of the Schedule amendments established 6 November 2012 as the expiration of the ninety day period. The additional 90-day period during which any other Contracting Government may present objection to this amendment expires on **4 February 2013.**

Contracting Governments are reminded that the Convention requires each Contracting Government to acknowledge this notification of the objection.

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