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**Amendments to the Schedule to the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (1946) as adopted at the Commission's 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting held in Panama 2-6 July 2012**

Commissioners and Contracting Governments were notified of amendments to the Schedule to the ICRW adopted at IWC64 through 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.

The Government of the Czech Republic lodged an objection to these amendments within the prescribed 90 day notice period (see Circular Communication IWC.CCG.1032 of 1 October 2012) and this instituted an additional 90 day notice period during which any other Contracting Government could present objection to the amendments in accordance with the procedure given at Article V paragraph 3 of the Convention. This additional notice period expired on 4 February 2013.

No further objections were received during the additional notice period. Therefore the amendments to the Schedule of the ICRW (1946) agreed at IWC64 in Panama became effective for all Contracting Parties, with the exception of the Czech Republic, from 4 February 2013. A new edition of the Schedule is attached. It can also be downloaded from the IWC's website at:

<http://iwc.int/convention>

Article V paragraph 3 of the ICRW requires Contracting Governments to acknowledge receipt of notifications of Schedule amendments. Acknowledgements were received from 12 Contracting Governments in response to IWC.CCG.1028 and from 4 Contracting Governments in response to IWC.CCG.1032

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