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IWC Resolution 1976-6
Bowhead Whales

THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

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.