

**34th Annual Meeting, 1982**  
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**IWC Resolution 1982-3**  
**Resolution Concerning Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling**

WHEREAS IT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks,

WHEREAS the Commission also recognizes the importance and desirability of accommodating, consistent with effective conservation of whale stocks, the needs of aboriginal people who are dependent upon whales for nutritional, subsistence and cultural purposes,

WHEREAS the Commission assembled a working group to develop management principles and guidelines for subsistence catches of whales by aboriginal peoples,

WHEREAS the Commission believes it appropriate and desirable to establish principles and guidelines for the management of aboriginal subsistence whaling which recognize and seek to accommodate conservation, nutritional, subsistence, and cultural needs.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMISSION HEREBY RESOLVES as follows:

The Commission accepts the Report of the *ad hoc* Technical Committee Working Group on Management Principles and Guidelines for Subsistence Catches of Whales by Indigenous (Aboriginal) Peoples and agrees to implement an aboriginal subsistence whaling management regime in order to achieve the objectives of that Report.

The Commission agrees to manage aboriginal subsistence whaling in accordance with management principles to be set forth in the Schedule, and recognizes that the full participation and cooperation of the affected aboriginal peoples are essential for effective whale management.

The Commission agrees to establish a standing sub-committee of the Technical Committee to consider documentation on nutritional, subsistence, and cultural needs relating to aboriginal subsistence whaling and the uses of whales taken for such purposes, and to provide advice to the Technical Committee for its consideration and determination of appropriate management measures.