

39th Annual Meeting, 1987
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IWC Resolution 1987-3
Resolution on the Icelandic Proposal For Scientific Catches

WHEREAS the International Whaling Commission adopted in 1986 a Resolution on Special Permits for Scientific Research (IWC/38/28);

WHEREAS the Commission has considered the Report of the Scientific Committee (IWC/39/4) concerning the research programs to be conducted under special permits; and it is recognised that the sighting survey element of the Icelandic research program is acceptable and commendable.

WHEREAS the Commission takes cognizance of Article VIII of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, under which the granting by any Contracting Government to its nationals of a special permit authorizing the killing, taking or treatment of whales for purposes of scientific research remains the responsibility of each Contracting Government, exercising its sovereign rights in respect of maritime areas under its jurisdiction and freedom of the high seas;

Now, THEREFORE, the Commission

ADOPTS the view that the proposed take of fin, sei, and minke whales under special permit as described in SC/37/O20 and as modified in SC/38/Prog. Rep. Iceland does not fully satisfy the criteria set forth in the 1986 Resolution on Special Permits for Scientific Research.

RECOMMENDS that the Government of Iceland revoke and refrain from issuing special permits to its nationals for the conduct of the research program described in SC/37/O20 and as modified an SC/38/Prog. Rep. Iceland until the uncertainties identified in the Scientific Committee Report (IWC/39/4) have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Scientific Committee.

REQUESTS the Secretary to notify the Government of Iceland accordingly.