

Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 1998
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IWC Resolution 1998-2
Resolution On Total Catches Over Time

RECALLING that one of the remaining elements of the Revised Management Scheme to be completed consists of “arrangements to ensure that total catches over time are within limits set under the RMS” (IWC Resolution 1996-6);

FURTHER RECALLING the general agreement in the 1997 RMS Working Group that “in setting catch limits the Commission should, as far as possible, use the CLA [Catch Limit Algorithm] to determine the allowable removal and then take account of all known human-induced mortalities including aboriginal subsistence whaling, scientific whaling, whaling outside the IWC, bycatches, ship strikes and other non-natural removals” (*Rep. int. Whal. Commn* 49: item 12.1.2);

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

AGREES that the catch limits calculated by the Scientific Committee in accordance with the Revised Management Procedure as part of an agreed Revised Management Scheme represent the total allowable removal;

FURTHER AGREES that catch limits for commercial purposes for any species of whale in any region shall be calculated by deducting all human-induced mortalities that are known or can be reasonably estimated, other than commercial catches, from the total allowable removal;

REQUESTS the Scientific Committee to provide advice in this regard for the Commission's consideration for inclusion in the Revised Management Scheme.