

**Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 1998**  
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**IWC Resolution 1998-11**

**Resolution On Iwc Concern About Human Health Effects From The Consumption Of Cetaceans**

WITH DUE REGARD to ICRW Schedule Article V.2 (d) stating that the Commission “shall take into consideration the interests of the consumers of whale products”;

AWARE of scientific evidence indicating that some Arctic communities are currently faced with the threat of organic contaminants and heavy metals from the consumption of certain cetacean products;

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

INVITES member and non-member governments directly affected

- to submit, when possible, reliable information to the IWC relating to possible human health effects resulting from the consumption of cetacean products;
- to encourage the World Health Organisation (WHO) and other appropriate agencies to put this issue on their own agenda;

REQUESTS further collaboration between the WHO and the IWC on this matter.