

Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 1998
50th Annual Meeting, 1998

IWC Resolution 1998-13
Resolution on Canadian Membership to the IWC

WHEREAS Canada withdrew from the International Whaling Commission (IWC) in 1982, stating “it no longer has any direct interest in the whaling industry or in the related activities of the IWC”;

NOTING that Canadian representation has been limited to Observer Status at annual IWC meetings since then;

WHEREAS Canada issued its first license to take one bowhead whale in 1991 in the western Arctic from the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort bowhead whale stock and then has continued to issue such licenses on a regular basis;

WHEREAS Canada issued its first license to take one bowhead whale in 1996 from the Hudson Bay-Foxe Basin stock and one whale was landed;

WHEREAS the Nunavut Wildlife Management Board has again requested that the Government of Canada authorize the landing of one bowhead whale from the Davis Strait/Baffin Bay stock;

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

Reaffirms its opposition to all whaling not conducted under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling (ICRW);

Invites the Government of Canada to rejoin the IWC and, in the meantime, not to issue further licenses for any whaling not conducted under the ICRW.