

Annual Report of the International Whaling Commission 2001
53rd Annual Meeting, 2001

Resolution 2001-9
Proposed Resolution on interactions between whales
and fish stocks

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks;

WHEREAS the IWC is the universally recognized international organization with competence for the management of whale stocks;

ACKNOWLEDGING that better understanding of marine ecosystems, including interactions between whales and fish stocks, would contribute to the conservation and management of living marine resources and is of interest to nations as well as to regional fisheries management organizations and international research organizations;

NOTING that the Council of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, during its 120th session, recommended that ecosystem-based fisheries management studies to be conducted by the FAO, as agreed in paragraph 39 of the report of the 24th session of the FAO Committee on Fisheries, should be balanced and holistic in approach;

WELCOMING the Scientific Committee's recommendations to conduct a workshop on interactions between whales and fish stocks, to be held intersessionally between the 53rd and 54th annual meetings of the Commission;

RECOGNIZING that, in order to effectively address the issue of interaction between whales and fish stocks, the planning and conduct of the workshop requires experts on modeling and data sets and should therefore include coordination with other organizations that have expertise, experience, and interest in this matter, and the participation of experts from such organizations, as well as those specifically recommended by the Scientific Committee;

NOW THEREFORE THE COMMISSION:

GIVES notice that, as the competent international organization for the conservation and management of whale stocks, it has decided to make the study of interactions between whale and fish stocks a matter of priority;

AGREES that any studies conducted by the FAO on ecosystem-based fisheries management be holistic and balanced in approach;

ENDORSES the recommendations of the Scientific Committee concerning the workshop on interactions between whales and fish stocks;

REQUESTS the Secretary to forward a copy of this resolution and relevant portions of the report of the Scientific Committee to the Assistant Director-General of the Fisheries Department of the FAO and to the Chair of the FAO Committee on Fisheries, seeking their cooperation in the organization and conduct of the workshop;

FURTHER requests the Secretary to forward a copy of this resolution and relevant portions of the report of the Scientific Committee to regional fisheries management organizations, international research organizations, and other appropriate organizations in consultation with Chair of the Scientific Committee.