

**PROPOSAL BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION
AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

In paragraph 13(b)(2) of the Schedule pertaining to the Eastern stock of North Pacific gray whales –

(A) strike “2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007” in each place it appears in

subparagraph 13(b)(2)(i); and

(B) insert “2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012”.

For the information of Commissioners, paragraph 13(b)(2) of the Schedule is reprinted below showing the effect of the proposed amendments.

“(2) The taking of gray whales from the Eastern stock in the North Pacific is permitted, but only by aborigines or a Contracting Government on behalf of aborigines, and then only when the meat and products of such whales are to be used exclusively for local consumption by the aborigines.

- (i) For the years ~~2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007~~ 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, the number of gray whales taken in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 620, provided that the number of gray whales taken in any one of the years ~~2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007~~ 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012 shall not exceed 140.*
- (ii) This provision shall be reviewed annually by the Commission in light of the advice of the Scientific Committee.”*