

Proposed Schedule Amendment

(Greenland Catch Limits)

Submitted by Denmark

In the event that no decision is taken on the Consensus Proposal at the 62nd Annual Meeting of the IWC, Denmark has to put forward a proposal adjusting the minke whale quota for West Greenland and adding a new quota for humpback whales. The proposal is as follows:

I: Amend Schedule paragraph 13 (b) 3 to insert a new paragraph, which will be (v) after the following text:

“The taking by aborigines of minke whales from the West Greenland and Central stocks and fin whales from the West Greenland stock and bowhead whales from the West Greenland feeding aggregation **and humpback whales from the West Greenland feeding aggregation** is permitted and then only when the meat and products are to be used exclusively for local consumption.

(i) The number of fin whales struck from the West Greenland stock in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 19 in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.

(ii) The number of minke whales struck from the Central stock (East Greenland coastal) in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 12 in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the quota of any of the subsequent years, provided that no more than 3 shall be added to the quota for any one year.

(iii) The number of minke whales struck from the West Greenland stock in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed **178** in each of the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the strike quota of any of the subsequent years, provided that no more than 15 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year. **This provision will be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the 5 year period and if necessary amended on basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee.**

(iv) The number of bowhead whales struck off West Greenland in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 2 in each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the quota of any subsequent years, provided that no more than 2 shall be added to the quota for any one year. **This provision will be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the 5 year period and if necessary amended on basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee.**

The new paragraph is as follows:

(v) The number of humpback whales struck off West Greenland in accordance with this sub-paragraph shall not exceed 10 in each of the years 2010, 2011 and 2012, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the strike quota of any of the subsequent years, provided that no more than 2 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year. **This provision will be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the remaining quota period and if necessary amended on basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee.**”

II: Amend Table 1 in Schedule as follows:

a) In column “FIN”, footnote 2 should read as follows:

“Available to be taken by aborigines pursuant to paragraph 13 (b) 3. Catch limit for each of the years 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012.”

b) In column “HUMPBACK”, add a new footnote as follows:

“This represents the maximum number of animals that may be struck in any one year except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the strike quota of any of the subsequent years, provided that no more than 2 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year.”

The enclosed annex 1 provides information on the relevant stocks, actual block quotas, recommendations from the Scientific Committee, requests of quota and estimated amount of meat per whale (t).

Denmark / Greenland requests on ASW quotas for the remaining quota period 2008 - 2012

Stock	Block quota 2008-2012	2007-2010 Recommendation from the SC	Requests from Greenland Annually	Estimated amount of meat per whale (t) 1	Comments
Central Stock East Greenland coastal Minke whale	12 2	A take of 12 is no threat to the stock	12	2 (1.82)	IWC adopted a need of 12 minke whales annually for East Greenland in 1988 (See Chairman's Report).
West Greenland Minke whale	178 3	<i>Ad hoc</i> interim advice: 170 - 230	178	2 (1.82)	Greenland requested an interim <i>ad hoc</i> quota in 2007, to be reviewed in 2008 for the years 2009-2012. SC agreed in 2008 to repeat its management advice from 2007. According to the 2009 scientific advice, Greenland requests a reduction from 200 to 178 minke whales per year.
West Greenland Fin whale	19 4	14 – 26	19	10 (6.8)	Greenland requested a 5-year block quota within the period of 2008- 2012, which was adopted.
West Greenland Bowhead whale	2 5	<i>Ad hoc</i> interim advice: 5	2	There is no conversion factor (11)	Reference is made to the IWC/62/9 "Report of the Small Working Group on Conversion Factors (from Whales to Edible Products) for the Greenlandic Large Whale Hunt
West Greenland Humpback whale	106	A take of up to 10 is no threat to the stock	10	8 (9.5)	Greenland proposed in 2007 that IWC should not make any decision, but return to the request on minimum 10 humpback whales at the 2008 Annual Meeting to make a final decision. At that meeting, there were no the required ¾ majority for the schedule amendment. In 2009 the IWC Chair postponed the decision to an intersessional meeting in March 2010. At the Intersessional meeting March 2010 there were no quorum to make a decision.

1 Note that new meat conversion factors have to be adopted by the International Whaling Commission according to the IWC/62/9 (the new in brackets).

2) The number shall not exceed 12 in each year within the quota period, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the quota of any subsequent years, provided that no more than 3 shall be added to the quota for any one year.

3) From 2011-2012 the number shall not exceed 178 strikes in each year within the remaining quota period, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the strike quota of any of the subsequent years, provided that no more than 15 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year.

4) In 2005, due to lack of updated abundance data, Greenland voluntarily reduced the catch limit from 19 to 10 fin whales for 2006 and 2007. An updated assessment has been available since 2007.

5) The number shall not exceed 2 in each year, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the quota of any subsequent years, provided that no more than 2 shall be added to the quota for any one year.

6) This provision will be reviewed if new scientific data become available within the 5 year period and if necessary amended on basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee. The number shall not exceed 10 in each year, except that any unused portion of the quota for each year shall be carried forward from that year and added to the strike quota of any subsequent years, provided that no more than 2 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year.