

Proposed Schedule Amendment

(Greenland Catch Limits)

Submitted by Denmark

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 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 shall not exceed 200 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 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 annually by the Commission, according to the findings and recommendations by the Scientific Committee, which shall be binding.

(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. Furthermore, the quota for each year shall only become operative when the Commission has received advice from the Scientific Committee that the strikes are unlikely to endanger the stock.

**The new paragraph is as follows:**

**“(v) The number of humpback whales struck from the West Greenland feeding aggregation shall not exceed 10 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 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.”**

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 “Fin”, footnote Δ should be deleted.

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

Stock	Block quota 2008-2012	2007 & 2008 Recommendation from the Scientific Committee	Requests from Greenland Annually	Estimated amount of meat per whale (tonnes)	Comments
East Greenland Minke whale	12 1	A take of 12 is no threat to the stock	12 <sup>1</sup>	2	IWC adopted a need of 12 minke whales annually for East Greenland in 1988 (See Chairman's Report).
West Greenland Minke whale	200 2	<i>Ad hoc</i> interim advice: 170 - 230	200	2	Greenland requested an interim <i>ad hoc</i> quota in 2007, to be reviewed in 2008 for the years 2009-2012. SC agreed to repeat its management advice from 2007 (see item 9.3.3.1 in the 2008 SC report).
West Greenland Fin whale	19 3	14 - 26	19	10	Greenland requested a 5-year block quota within the period of 2008-2012, which was adopted.
West Greenland Bowhead whale	2 4	<i>Ad hoc</i> interim advice: 5	2	Alaska converse-on factor is 12 (t)	Greenland conversion factors could be obtained with basis on future catches
West Greenland Humpback whale	10 5	A take of up to 10 is no threat to the stock	10	8	Greenland proposed in 2007 that IWC should not make any decision in 2007, but return to the request on minimum 10 humpback whales at the 2008 Annual Meeting to make a final decision. Greenland also requested that a possible quota come into effect in 2008.

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- 1 ) 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.
- 2 ) The number shall not exceed 200 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 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.
- 3 ) 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.
- 4 ) 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.
- 5 ) 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 quota of any subsequent years, provided that no more than 2 shall be added to the quota for any one year.