

**Summary of Activities Related to the Action Plan on Whale Killing Methods
(based on Resolution 1999-1)**

Submitted by the USA

Contracting Government	USA
Season	Spring, Fall 2006
Area	Alaska
Fishery type (e.g. commercial, aboriginal subsistence, scientific permit)	Aboriginal Subsistence

Table 1. Summary of primary and secondary whale killing methods used (Note that the appropriate Method No. should be used throughout the form):

Method No.	Brief description of method (e.g. penthrite grenade, 'cold' grenade, rifle of <i>stated calibre</i>, etc). Put the most commonly used method first. Insert more rows if necessary.	Used as: (state whether primary killing method, secondary, or both)
1	Black powder explosive projectile	Primary
2	Black powder explosive projectile	Secondary
3	Penthrite explosive projectile	Primary/Secondary

Summary of criteria used to indicate unconsciousness and death:

Open jaw; slack flippers; and cessation of movement are traditional indicators.

Table 2: Summary of information providers:

Percentage of data provided by:	
▪ Inspectors	
▪ Scientists	
▪ Hunters	100%
▪ other (please specify)	

Table 3: Summary of hunt:

Item	Species 1 [insert name]		Species 2 [insert name]		Species 3 [insert name]	
	Bowhead					
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Whale killing methods						
▪ Total no. killed (all methods summed)	39	100				
▪ Total killed using Method 1 only						
▪ Total killed using Method 2 only						
▪ Total killed using Method 3 only						
▪ Total needing secondary harpoon or other secondary killing method	39 secondary always used.					
▪ If bullets used						
○ minimum number						
○ maximum number						
○ median number						
Time to unconsciousness/death (TTD)*						
▪ Total for which information recorded						
▪ Total estimated TTD to be instant						
▪ Maximum estimated TTD						
▪ Mean time to TTD						
▪ Median Time to TTD						
Other information						
▪ Total targeted and missed						
▪ Total struck and lost						

***NB Resolution 1999-1 asks for TTD information for each whale not killed instantly. This can be provided via Table 4 below.**

Other: Any other relevant information e.g. with information on technical assistance given to other fisheries or with respect to new studies to (a) improve methods and TTD, (b) develop new criteria for TTD:

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Table 4: Reporting of data on individual whales killed

Whale:	Species	Killing method(s) used	Time to Death ¹	Samples taken
1.				
2.				
3.				

¹ Resolution 1999-1 encouraged reporting of time to death for each animal not killed instantly