

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

In paragraph 13(b)(1) of the Schedule pertaining to the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock of bowhead whales –

- (1) strike “2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007” and “1998-2002”; and
- (2) insert “2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012” and “2003-2007”,

respectively, in subparagraph 13(b)(1); and

- (3) strike subparagraph 13(b)(1)(iii).

For the information of Commissioners, paragraph 13(b)(1) of the Schedule is reprinted below showing the effect of the proposed amendments.

“(1) The taking of bowhead whales from the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock by aborigines is permitted, but only when the meat and products of such whales are to be used exclusively for local consumption by the aborigines and further provided that:

- (i) For the years ~~2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 and 2007~~ **2008, 2009, 2010, 2011 and 2012**, the number of bowhead whales landed shall not exceed 280. For each of these years the number of bowhead whales struck shall not exceed 67, except that any unused portion of a strike quota from any year (including 15 unused strikes from the ~~1998-2002~~ **2003-2007** quota) shall be carried forward and added to the strike quotas of any subsequent years, provided that no more than 15 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year.*
- (ii) This provision shall be reviewed annually by the Commission in light of the advice of the Scientific Committee.*
- (iii) ~~The findings and recommendations of the Scientific Committee’s in depth assessment for 2004 shall be binding on the parties involved and they shall modify the hunt accordingly.~~*