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

Please note that completion of this form is not compulsory but it will greatly aid the discussions at the forthcoming Working Group Meeting. The Secretariat would be grateful if you can complete this form as fully as possible, preferably electronically and return it to Secretariat@iwcoffice.org by 7 June.

Contracting Government	Russian Federation
Season	2011
Area	Chukotka Waters
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	Harpoon with float	Both
2	Darting gun	Secondary
3	Rifle (various)	Secondary

Summary of criteria used to indicate unconsciousness and death:

Visual determination of unconsciousness and death. Rifles are used (as usual) for control (final defining) shot that guarantees death.

Table 2: Summary of information providers:

Percentage of data provided by:	%
• inspectors	100
• scientists	
• hunters	100
• other (please specify)	

Table 3: Summary of hunt:

Item	Species 1 <i>Gray whale</i>		Species 2 <i>Bowhead whale</i>		Species 3 <i>[insert name]</i>	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Whale killing methods						
• Total no. killed (all methods summed)	128					
• Total killed using Method 1 only	0					
• Total killed using Method 2 only	0					
• Total killed using Method 3 only	0					
• Total needing secondary harpoon or other secondary killing method	128					
• If bullets used						
o minimum number	0					
o maximum number	250					
o median number	92					
Time to unconsciousness/death (TTD)*						
• Total for which information recorded	128					
• Total estimated TTD to be instant						
• Maximum estimated TTD	2:05					
• Mean TTD	0:37					
• Median TTD						
Other information						
• Total targeted and missed						
• Total struck and lost	2					

**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:

Gray whales:

darting gun – 80 whales

rifle – 127 whales

harpoon and float – all whales

“stinky” whales – 2 whales