

Bering Sea Bowhead Whales

RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

1977 SPECIAL MEETING

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks,

WHEREAS at its 29th Annual Meeting, held in Canberra, Australia in June 1977, the Commission, acting upon the advice of its Scientific Committee, agreed on the establishment of a total moratorium on the hunting of bowhead whales,

WHEREAS the Commission has recognized that these stocks are seriously depleted, and that information is at present inadequate to provide any satisfactory guide to management of this population with a non-zero quota,

WHEREAS the Commission has reviewed its June 1977 decision as regards the Bering Sea bowhead stock, taking into account representations made concerning aboriginal subsistence and cultural needs, the degree of risk inherent in related proposals, and the management and research program prepared by the USA,

WHEREAS the Commission has concluded that a harvest, limited to the striking of 18 whales or the landing of 12, should be permitted from this stock for 1978, and has noted that, pursuant to undertakings by the Governments of Canada and the USSR, this harvest will be taken exclusively by persons under the jurisdiction of the Government of the United States,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission

(a) that the commission calls upon the Government of the United States to take all necessary measures to minimize adverse effects upon the Bering Sea stock resulting from the aboriginal hunt, through controls on hunting techniques and equipment, size limits, seasons, and the kill or striking calves, and females accompanied by calves,

(b) that the Commission welcomes the undertaking of the Government of the United States to implement management and research programs of the comprehensiveness of those tabled at the meeting of the Scientific Committee held in Australia in November of 1977, and to establish surveillance and enforcement measures for the 1978 hunt adequate to ensure that the number of whales struck does not exceed the limit established by the Commission,

(c) that the status of the Bering Sea bowhead whale stock be reviewed at the Commission's 30th Annual Meeting in June, 1978 in the light of information resulting from the proposed research program, with a view to establishing regulations, based on the advice of the Scientific Committee, which should include comment on risks associated with different levels of removals from the stock,

(d) that all necessary measures be taken to ensure that the reduction in the take of bowhead whales does not affect the take of beluga whales to any significant degree,

(e) that all necessary measures be taken to preserve the habitat of bowhead and beluga whales.

Bryde's Whales in the South Pacific Ocean

RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

1977 SPECIAL MEETING

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks,

WHEREAS the Commission has classified the stock of Bryde's whales in the South Pacific Ocean as an Initial Management Stock and recommended that, until estimates of stock sizes are completed, catching effort on this stock should not be increased,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited primarily by Peru which is not a member of the Commission, and by Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics which are members of the Commission and take a certain number for scientific research as authorised by the relevant provisions of the International Convention for the Regulation of whaling,

WHEREAS member countries have agreed to take no Bryde's whales in the South Pacific until estimates of stock sizes are completed,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission

(a) that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that catching effort on Bryde's whales in the South Pacific does not exceed present levels; and

(b) that all Governments concerned be encouraged to provide to the Commission, concerning the Bryde's whale stocks in question, biological data and catch per unit of effort data from their whaling activities.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Government of Peru requesting with regard to the conservation of the Bryde's whale stocks of the South Pacific Ocean the development of scientific information related to these stocks, and urging them to join the Commission.

Sperm Whales in the South Pacific Ocean

RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

1977 SPECIAL MEETING

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks,

WHEREAS the Commission has adopted a regulation related to the taking of sperm whales in the South Pacific Ocean, and has declared the sperm whale stock in the area bounded by the Ice Edge of Antarctica and the Equator and by 100° West longitude and 60° west longitude, to be a Protection Stock, or one from which no animals may safely be taken, using information now available,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited by vessels under the jurisdiction of Chile and Peru, which are not members of the Commission,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted with appreciation the statement of the observer representing the Government of Peru at the commission's 29th annual meeting, describing Peruvian whaling activities,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that no sperm whales are taken in the area of the South Pacific Ocean described above in the 1978 season.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Governments of Chile and Peru, requesting their cooperation with regard to the conservation of the sperm whale stocks of the South Pacific Ocean and the development of scientific information related to these stocks, and urging them to join the Commission.

Sei Whales in the South Pacific Ocean

RESOLUTION OF THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

1977 SPECIAL MEETING

WHEREAS it is the purpose of the International Whaling Commission to provide for the effective conservation and management of whale stocks,

WHEREAS the Commission has adopted a regulation related to the taking of sei whales in the South Pacific Ocean in the area bounded by the Ice Edge of Antarctica and the Equator, and by 120° West longitude and 60° West longitude, establishing a catch limit of 353 animals as the number which can be safely removed from this stock, using information now available,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted that this stock is exploited by vessels under the jurisdiction of Japan and the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, members of the Commission, and by vessels under the jurisdiction of Chile and Peru, which are not members of the Commission,

WHEREAS the Commission has noted with appreciation the statement of the observer representing the Government of Peru at the Commission's 29th annual meeting, describing Peruvian whaling activities.

WHEREAS the Commission has further noted with appreciation the statement of the observer representing the Government of Peru at the Commission's Special Meeting in December 1977 describing the action taken by Peru to establish a limitation on whaling activities,

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the International Whaling Commission

(a) that all necessary measures should be taken to ensure that catches of *sei* whales in the South Pacific Ocean in 1978 do not exceed the catch limit which has been established by the Commission, to prevent the overexploitation of this stock; and,

(b) that the Government of Chile and Peru be encouraged to undertake appropriate research programs on South Pacific sei whales, and provide the Commission with the results of these programs.

The Commission requests that the Chairman transmit the text of this resolution to the Governments of Chile and Peru, requesting their cooperation with regard to the conservation of the sei whale stocks of the South Pacific Ocean and the development of scientific information related to these stocks and urging them to join the Commission.