

TEXT OF THE PROPOSED TREATY ACTION



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Amendments to the Schedule **International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946**

At the 57th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission held in Ulsan from 20 – 24 June 2005, no modifications were made to the provision for zero catch limits for commercial whaling with effect from the 1986 coastal and the 1985/86 pelagic seasons. No modifications were made to provisions for aboriginal subsistence catch limits, although Denmark (Greenland) voluntarily reduced the catch limit for the West Greenland Stock of fin whales from 19 to 10 for each of the years 2006 and 2007.

Only the following amendments to the Schedule of the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling are therefore necessary (changes in *bold italics* type):

Paragraphs 11 and 12, and Tables 1, 2 and 3:

- Substitute the dates ***2005/2006*** pelagic season, ***2006*** coastal season, ***2006*** season, or ***2006*** as appropriate.

In accordance with Article V of the Convention, these amendments become effective with respect to each Contracting Government ninety days following the date of this letter, unless any Contracting Government lodges an objection, in which case the procedure under Article V, paragraph 3 of the Convention will be followed.

The ninety days period will expire on **28 September 2005**. In the absence of objections by that date the amendments will become effective. Contracting Governments will be notified accordingly.

Contracting Governments are reminded that Article V paragraph 3 of the Convention requires them to acknowledge receipt of this notification of amendments. In order to encourage compliance with this requirement, a form of acknowledgement is attached, to be completed and returned by post, fax or-email as is most convenient.

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