

COMMITTEE ON NETHERLANDS PROPOSAL

VII

The International Whaling Conference

Considers:

That the conditions relating to the use of factory ships within territorial waters of Contracting Governments as provided by paragraph 17 of the Schedule should be kept under review by the Commission so as to ensure that these operations are conducted on an economic basis.

VIII

The International Whaling Conference

Recommends:

That when adequate information becomes available concerning the migration routes and seasons in localities where land stations are maintained and operated, specific annual open periods for whaling should be prescribed instead of the regulation included in the Schedule as paragraph 10. It is the view of the Conference that the Commission should endeavor to obtain at the earliest possible time scientific information as a basis for prescribing specific seasons during which land stations shall be permitted to operate in the various areas.

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At the request of the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the following statements are included:

1. Owing to unforeseen circumstances the Soviet factory ship will be unable to reach the whaling grounds by the commencement of the 1946-47 season in waters south of 40° South Latitude. Accordingly the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics requests that this ship be permitted to operate with a full complement of catchers for a continuous period of four months from the date on which it is able to commence operations in that area. Note is made that a similar concession was made to other governments for the season 1945-46.

2. The Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics also requests that the factory ship be permitted to conduct operations in that area for the four-month period during the season 1946-47 without regard to the sixteen thousand blue-whale unit catch limitation.

The Conference supports these requests and considers them justified in the special circumstances. It is understood that support by the Conference of these requests shall not be regarded as a precedent for future seasons.

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The International Whaling Conference

Supports

and considers justified the request of the Delegation of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics that the taking of gray whales in the Bering and Chukotsk seas should be permitted when the meat and products of such whales are to be used exclusively for local consumption by the aborigines of the Chukotsk and Korjaksk areas.