

Summary of the points relevant to limitations of catch, monitoring of quota and human killing methods, from the "The Government of Greenland's executive order nr. 22 of 22 of December 2014 on the hunt of large whales"

**Species:**

- All baleen whales and sperm whales are protected, with the exemption of minke whales, fin whales, bowhead whales and humpback whales, which can be taken following the rules specified in the executive order.
- Only fin whales above 15.2 m can be taken from January 1 to December 31. Mother/calf pairs are protected year round.
- Only adult humpback whales can be taken from January 1 to December 31. Mother/calf pairs are protected year round.
- Minke whales can be taken from March 1 to November 30. Mother/calf pairs are protected year round.
- Only adult bowhead whales can be taken from April 1 to December 31. Mother/calf pairs are protected year round.
- It is possible to apply for a dispensation for the euthanasia of whales that are injured, entangled in fishing gear or captured in ice entrapments.
- Large whales caught legally, but discovered being sick and unsuitable for human consumption are considered as euthanized and are not counted as part of the quotas.
- The Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture decides how to use products derived from whales euthanized. It has been the custom that the meat of whales entangled in fishing gear is distributed freely among local institutions, such as hospitals or schools, and among the people from the community.

**Requirements:**

- Only Greenlandic boats registered in the Danish Maritime Authority can be used for whaling. Furthermore, there are restrictions related to the size of the boat and the equipment on board. The restrictions include the type of harpoon cannon.
- Harpoon cannons should be mounted and approved by authorized personnel. All harpoon cannons have to be examined and approved every other year by authorized personnel.
- Only persons that have taken a special course on the handling and use of whale-grenades can buy or handle whale-grenades. A certificate of the whale-grenade course, as well as a license, valid for the current year, has to be shown in order to buy a whale-grenade. Registers of all the purchases of whale-grenades are kept at the Ministry of Fisheries, Hunting and Agriculture.