

Proposals for Conservation and Management endorsed by the Management Committee for Cetaceans (MCC), the Management Committee for Seals and Walrus (MCSW) and the Joint Meeting of the Management Committees (JMCC).

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Beluga

Advice on Sustainable Catch

- For the North Water stock (north of Cape York), an annual landed catch of no more than 37 individuals.
- For the West Greenland stock (south of Cape York and north of 45°), an annual landed catch of no more than 263 individuals.

Research

- A new meeting of the Ad hoc Working Group for Research in East Greenland be held in 2021 to review the latest data and update the assessment.
- Research include information on body length in reports of any landed animals.

White-bellied, White-sided, and Burrowing Dolphins

- Research develop a way to distinguish between white-sided and white-bellied dolphins in reporting.

Harbour Porpoise

Advice on Sustainable Catch

- For West Greenland, there be an annual catch (animals reported landed) of no more than 1,669 harbour porpoises.

Other:

- Research work to elaborate underpinning and validate the catch statistics for harbour porpoises.
- Research set buoys in East Greenland to provide samples to scientists when harbour porpoises are caught.
- Conduct a formal assessment for Greenland with updated by-catch estimates when new abundance estimates become available.
- Conduct a formal assessment for Greenland following a full review of available data, including the use of close-kinship genetic analysis to arrive at abundance estimates.
- Update the West Greenland assessment as soon as a new abundance estimate becomes available and no later than 2025.

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Harp Seal

Advice on Sustainable Catch

- An upper limit for removals from the White Sea/Barents Sea stock of 21,372 seals.
- An upper limit for removals from the Greenland Sea stock of 12,348 seals.
- Catches on harp seals from the local communities in East Greenland may continue.