

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Proposal for amendments to Appendix I

FAUNA

MAMMALIA

CETACEA

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| 1 | Balaenopteridae | <u>Balaenoptera physalus</u> * | should be added |
| 2 | | <u>Balaenoptera borealis</u> + 208 | " " " |

PISCES

PERCIFORMES

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| 3 | Sciaenidae | <u>Cynoscion macdonaldi</u> | should be added |
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Proposal for amendments to Appendix II

FAUNA

MAMMALIA

CETACEA

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| 4 | Balaenopteridae | <u>Balaenoptera physalus</u> + 209 | should be added |
| 5 | | <u>Balaenoptera borealis</u> ** | " " " |

Proposal for amendments to Appendices I and II

Supporting statement

Cetacea

1. Inclusion of all stocks of fin whales in Appendix I, except those to be listed in Appendix II

The Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) has stated that most stocks of fin whales have been severely depleted and must receive full protection. The only exceptions are stocks off Iceland and Newfoundland in the North Atlantic and one stock in the Antarctic. The report of the Scientific Committee to the 27th meeting of the IWC, June 1975, gives details. Since fin whale meat and other products are in trade it is necessary to place all stocks on either Appendix I or Appendix II. Such a restriction on trade will strengthen the conservation measures of the IWC by discouraging countries not members of IWC from taking fin whales for trade. (See 1 and 4).

2. Inclusion of all stocks of sei whales in Appendix II, except those to be listed in Appendix I

The Scientific Committee of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) has stated that stocks of sei whales in the North Pacific and one area of the Southern Hemisphere have been severely depleted and must receive full protection. All other stocks are under regulation by the IWC except those in the North Atlantic.

Since sei whale meat and other products are in trade, it is necessary to place all stocks on either Appendix I or Appendix II. Such a restriction on trade will strengthen the conservation measures of the IWC by discouraging countries not members of IWC from taking sei whales. (See 2 and 5).

Perciformes

3. Inclusion of the totoaba in Appendix I

The range of the totoaba is limited to the Upper Gulf of California. It is considered to be endangered due to overfishing. The most current scientific paper on totoaba is the following: Flanagan, Christine A., and John R. Hendrickson. 1976. Observations on the Commercial Fishery and Reproductive Biology of the Totoaba, (*Cynoscion macdonaldi*), in the Northern Gulf of California. Fish. Bull., U.S. 74(3).

Prior to Mexican prohibition of fishing for totoaba, the United States imported most of the catch for human consumption. The Mexican ban on all commercial and sport fishing was published in the Diario Oficial of the Federation on June 19, 1975. Listing will provide added protection for the species.