

*Recommends* that Contracting Governments ensure that maximum scientific information be obtained from any whales taken under special permits for scientific research.

*Recommends* that, taking into account Paragraph 2 of Article VIII of the Convention, following the completion of scientific treatment the meat as well as the other products should be utilised primarily for local consumption.

*Recommends* that great care should be taken by contracting Governments when considering issuing special permits for the taking of whales from a protection stock. Contracting Governments should take care to ensure that the proposed catch will not further de-

plete the stock or substantially impede its recovery.

*Reiterates* that Contracting Governments should grant no permits until the proposals for such permits have been reviewed in accordance with Paragraph 30 of the Schedule and further:

*Recommends* that Contracting Governments submit proposals for scientific permits and results of research obtained from permits previously issued in accordance with the procedures of the Convention, to the Secretary of the Commission not later than 60 days before the next Annual Meeting of the Scientific Committee.