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Okhotsk Gray Whale Population**  
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On the establishment of the Inter-ministerial working group  
for ensuring conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population

In order to improve the protection of marine mammals, related to the species listed in the Red  
Data Book of the Russian Federation:

1. Establish an Inter-ministerial working group for ensuring conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population (hereinafter referred to as the Inter-ministerial Working Group) and approve its composition according to Annex 1.
2. Approve the Statutes on the Inter-ministerial Working Group according to Annex 2.

Minister



Yu.P.Trutnev

Annex 1  
To the Order of Ministry of Natural  
Resources and Ecology of the  
Russian Federation  
dated 23 November 2009 № 68-r

Composition of the Inter-ministerial working group  
for ensuring conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population

Gizatulin R.R. -	Director of the Department of Public Policy and Regulation in the Sphere of Environmental Protection and Environmental Security, Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation, Chairperson of the Inter-ministerial Working Group
Belikov S.E. -	Head of the Laboratory, The Federal Governmental Enterprise ARINP (All-Russian Institute for Nature Protection)
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Vorontsova-Kasumyan E.V	Principal Adviser on Labor Protection, the Environment and the Security of Sakhalin Energy Investment Company (SEIC), Executive Secretary of the Inter-ministerial Working Group (to be agreed upon)
Gauptman E.I.	Team Leader for the Environment, Moscow Office of “Exxon Neftegas Ltd.”, (to be agreed upon)
Gromykin S.A.	Manager on Legal Environmental Issues, “Rosneft-Shelf-Far East”, (to be agreed upon)
Zenyukova O.V	Head of Section on Legislation in the Field of Environment, Legal Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation
Ilyashenko V.Yu	Acting Head of Laboratory of the Institute of Problems of Ecology and Evolution of the Russian Academy of Sciences (IPEE), Russian Commissioner in the International Whaling Commission (IWC), (to be agreed upon)
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	Energy Efficiency, Ministry of Energy of the Russian Federation, (to be agreed upon)
Kalyazin N.N.	Leading Specialist-expert, Division of the Fishing Waters Ecology and CITES, Department of Science and Education, State Committee on Fishery of the Russian Federation, (to be agreed upon)
Kriskunov E.A.	Professor, Chair of Biology, Moscow State University named after M.V. Lomonosov, Corresponding-member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, (to be agreed upon)
Koryakin M.V.	Leading Adviser, Department of Public Policy and Management in the Field of Geology and Subsoil Resources, Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation
Lukina N.V.	Deputy Chair, Committee on Natural Resources and Environmental Protection of Sakhalin region, (to be agreed upon)
Minyaev A.O.	Deputy Director, Legal Department, Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation
Mishenin R.I.	Head, Department of the Federal Supervisory Natural Resources Management Service for Sakhalin Region
Putov V.F.	Principal Expert on Legal and Environmental Protection Issues, “Rosneft-Shelf-Far East”, (to be agreed upon)
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Fedorov V.V.	Deputy Head, Section for Biodiversity Conservation, Protection of the Fauna and Flora, Department of the State Policy and Management in the Sphere of Environmental Protection and Ecological Safety, Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation, Responsible Secretary of the Inter-ministerial

## Working Group

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Director, Federal Governmental Enterprise “Inter-ministerial Commission on Ichthyology” (to be agreed upon)

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Deputy Chair, the Scientific Council of the Russian Academy of Sciences on Environmental Problems and Emergency Situations, Corresponding-member of the Russian Academy of Sciences, (to be agreed upon)

THE STATUTES  
of the Inter-ministerial Working Group  
for ensuring conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population

I. General provisions

The Inter-ministerial Working Group for ensuring conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population (hereinafter referred to as the Inter-ministerial working group) is being established for conservation of the endangered Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population, listed in the Red Data Book of the Russian Federation, and providing coordination of the activities of scientific and public organisations, interested federal and regional governmental executive bodies of the Russian Federation, as well as companies, implementing oil and gas exploration and extraction projects on the shelf of Sakhalin Island, concerning the problems of management of this population.

The Inter-ministerial Working Group operates on a voluntary basis and is a collegiate body.

The Inter-ministerial Working Group is composed out of representatives of interested federal executive agencies, appointed by their directors, representatives of the regional executive authorities of the Russian Federation, representatives of the scientific and public organisations, oil and gas companies and individual scientists and experts in the field of environmental protection.

The Statutes of Inter-ministerial Working Group and its personal composition are to be approved by the Minister on Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation.

In its activities the Inter-ministerial Working Group is guided by the federal laws and regulations of the Russian Federation as well as by the present Statutes.

The decisions taken by the Inter-ministerial Working Group have a recommendatory nature only.

II. Goals and objectives

The main objective of the Inter-ministerial Working Group is development of a collegiate recommendations and proposals in the field of conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population as well as implementation of the commitments of the Russian Federation within the framework of the International Whaling Commission in the part concerning protection of this population.

The Inter-ministerial Working Group implements its activities with the following purposes:

a) to develop an efficient strategy for conservation and management of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population;

b) to improve coordination of scientific research of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population;

c) to improve the quality of documents on the state of the art of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population that are being submitted by the Russian Federation to the International Whaling Commission.

### III. The functions of the Inter-ministerial Working Group

In order to achieve the stated goals the Inter-ministerial Working Group:

- considers the projects and documents related to the conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population that have been submitted by research organisations and individual scientists, and provides comments on these documents;
- considers the appeals received from citizens and public organizations, including international ones, concerning the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population and provides the assessment on these documents;
- develops proposals for the federal and regional state executive bodies of the Russian Federation in order to improve efficiency of conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population;
- assists in preparation of draft regulations necessary for effective management of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population;
- develops the proposals for improvement of management and conservation of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population;
- develops the proposals for improvement of monitoring of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population;
- assists in preparation of the documents on the state of the art of the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population for submission to the International Whaling Commission;
- assists in establishment of the working contacts between scientists and experts dealing with conservation and management issues of whale population;
- organises studying of the world experience in conservation of the gray whale population with a purpose to adapt it for the Korean-Okhotsk gray whale population.

### IV. Inter-ministerial Working Group *modus operandi*

The Inter-ministerial Working Group is headed by a Chairperson who occupies the position of the Director of the Department of the State Policy and Management in the Sphere of Environmental Protection and Ecological Safety of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as the Chair of the Inter-ministerial Working Group).

The Chair of the Inter-ministerial Working Group manages the activities of the Inter-ministerial Working Group, considers and makes amendments to the personal composition of the Inter-ministerial Working Group and develops its work-plan.

For organisation of the activities of the Inter-ministerial Working Group the Chair appoints two its members to perform the duties of the Responsible Secretary of the Inter-ministerial Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the Responsible Secretary) and the Executive Secretary of the Inter-ministerial Working Group (hereinafter referred to as the Executive Secretary).

The Responsible Secretary develops drafts of the Annual Plan, Agendas and keeps records of the Inter-ministerial Working Group meetings minutes.

The Executive Secretary is responsible for logistical preparation of the meetings of the Inter-ministerial Working Group, maintains a register of documents received by the Inter-ministerial Working Group and originated from the Inter-ministerial Working.

For detailed research and deep analysis of the specific issues the Permanent and Ad-hoc Commissions, related to the problems of Korean-Okhotsk grey whale population, could be established. Their composition, terms of references and *modus operandi* are to be determined by the Inter-ministerial Working Group.

The Inter-ministerial Working Group implements its activities through holding its meetings that are being convened as it deems necessary but at least not less than three times in a

year.

Decisions of the Inter-ministerial Working Group shall be taken by majority of voting, with the participation of not less than 2/3 of the members of the Inter-ministerial Working Group.

Meeting of the Inter-ministerial Working Group should be accompanied by the minutes signed by the Chairperson of the Inter-ministerial Working Group.

To develop recommendations on issues requiring urgent decisions and immediate reactions the extraordinary meetings of the Inter-ministerial Working Group could be convened.

Members of the Inter-ministerial Working Group, which cannot be present at the meeting by reasonable excuse, have the right to present their proposals in writing and send them to the Responsible Secretary.

The Chairperson of the Inter-ministerial Working Group should submit the proposals to the Chief Executives of the Ministry for improving the Inter-ministerial Working Group work and changes in its personal composition as well as on the other issues under his competence.

The Inter-ministerial Working Group should be established and should be abolished by the Order of the Minister of Natural Resources and Ecology of the Russian Federation.