

**Message to the Congress on
Japanese Whaling Activities**

February 9, 1996

To the Congress of the United States:

On December 11, 1995, Secretary of Commerce Ronald Brown certified under section 8 of the Fishermen's Protective Act of 1967, as amended (the "Pelly Amendment") (22 U.S.C. 1978), that Japan has conducted research whaling activities that diminish the effectiveness of the International Whaling Commission (IWC) conservation program. This message constitutes my report to the Congress pursuant to subsection (b) of the Pelly Amendment.

The certification of the Secretary of Commerce was based on Japanese research whaling activities in both the North Pacific and the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary. In 1994, Japan expanded its research whaling activities into the North Pacific by permitting the taking of 100 minke whales, 21 of which were taken. The IWC found that this North Pacific whaling failed to satisfy applicable criteria for lethal research and was therefore inconsistent with the IWC's conservation program. Nevertheless, Japan continued its whaling activities in the North Pacific, taking 100 minke whales in 1995. In addition, during 1995, Japan increased the number of minke whales to be harvested in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary by 33 percent, despite a 1994 finding by the IWC that this lethal research program did not meet all applicable criteria.

In his letter to me of December 11, 1995, Secretary Brown conveyed his concerns not only over the whales that have been killed in this program to date but also over any further expansion of lethal research. While noting that the Japanese have informed us they have no plans for a further expansion of lethal research in the Southern Ocean Whale Sanctuary, he expressed particular concern over whaling activity in that area. I share these concerns.

At this stage, I do not believe that the use of trade sanctions is the most constructive approach to resolving our differences over research whaling activities with the Government of Japan. However, I have instructed the Department of State to convey my very

strong concerns to the Government of Japan. We will also vigorously pursue high-level efforts to persuade Japan to reduce the number of whales killed in its research program and act consistently with the IWC conservation program. We hope to achieve significant progress on these issues by the beginning of the next Antarctic whaling season and will keep these issues under review. I have instructed the Department of Commerce to continue to monitor closely Japan's research whaling and to report promptly on any further inconsistencies between Japanese whaling activities and the guidelines of the IWC conservation program.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
February 9, 1996.

**Message to the Congress
Transmitting the Poland-United
States Fisheries Agreement
Extension**

February 9, 1996

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 1976 (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), I transmit herewith an Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Poland Extending the Agreement of August 1, 1985, as amended, Concerning Fisheries Off the Coasts of the United States ("the 1985 Agreement"). The Agreement, which was effected by an exchange of notes at Warsaw on December 15 and 20, 1995, extends the 1985 Agreement to December 31, 1997.

In light of the importance of our fisheries relationship with the Republic of Poland, I urge that the Congress give favorable consideration to this Agreement at an early date.

William J. Clinton

The White House,
February 9, 1996.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

February 3

In the morning, the President traveled from Bedford to Manchester, NH. In the afternoon, he traveled to Merrimack, NH, and then to Manchester before returning to Washington, DC.

February 5

The President announced his intention to nominate Daniel Guttman to be a member of the Occupational Safety and Health Review Commission.

The President announced the designation of Harold J. Creel, Jr., as Chairman of the Federal Maritime Commission.

February 6

In the morning, the President met with Vice President Gore, Chief of Staff Leon E. Panetta, Secretary of Defense William J. Perry, Deputy Secretary of Defense John P. White, and Deputy National Security Adviser Samuel R. Berger to discuss the National Security Council's review of B-2 bomber acquisition options.

In an afternoon ceremony in the Oval Office, the President received diplomatic credentials from the following Ambassadors: Hugo Paemen, head of delegation of the Commission of the European Communities, Mooketsa Mogwe of Botswana, Fernando Cossio of Bolivia, Ferdinando Salleo of Italy, John McCarthy of Australia, Ljubica Acevska of the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Juli Minoves-Triquell of Andorra, Kunihiko Saito of Japan, Nitya Pibulsonggram of Thailand, Mircea Geoana of Romania, and Miomir Zuzul of Croatia.

The White House announced that the President has appointed Ambassador to the United Nations Madeleine Albright to head the delegation to the inauguration of Rene Preval as President of Haiti in Port-au-Prince on February 7.

February 7

The President announced his intention to nominate David D. Spears as a Commissioner of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

The President announced his intention to appoint Wendell D. Garrett, Richard S. Lannier, Susan Keech McIntosh, and Lawrence L. Reger to the Cultural Property Advisory Committee.

The President announced his intention to appoint Thomas Buergenthal, Samuel DuBois Cook, Rositta E. Kenigsberg, Lynn Lyss, Ruth B. Mandel, Harvey M. Meyerhoff, and Elie Wiesel to the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Council.

February 8

In the morning, the President attended a meeting in the Vice President's office between Vice President Gore and Deputy Prime Minister Richard Spring of Ireland.

The White House announced that the President will meet with President Leonid Kuchma of Ukraine on February 21 in the White House.

February 9

In the morning, the President traveled to Alexandria, VA, and then returned to Washington, DC.

The White House announced that the President will meet with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto of Japan on February 23 in Santa Monica, CA.

The President announced his intention to nominate Joaquin (Jack) F. Otero as Assistant Secretary of Labor for International Labor Affairs.

The President announced his intention to appoint William J. Bratton to the National Commission on Crime Control and Prevention.

The President declared disasters in the States of Oregon and Washington and ordered Federal aid to supplement State and local recovery efforts in the area struck by high winds, severe storms, and flooding beginning January 26 and continuing.