

Young Rips IWC

WASHINGTON, D.C.—In testimony presented to the National Marine Fisheries Service last week, Congressman Don Young called for an objection to the International Whaling Commission decision which bans subsistence hunting of the bowhead whale.

"It is obvious to me that the only viable alternative is to object to the IWC ruling," said Young. "To fail to do so would mean the destruction of the Arctic Alaskan subsistence culture."

Young's testimony was presented at a public hearing in Washington. The hearing was called by the NMFS to consider the environmental impacts of the IWC decision.

Others at the hearing who supported an objection included Mayor Eben Hopson of the North Slope Borough and representatives of Friends of the Earth, an environmental organization.