

IWC sets bowhead whale quotas for 1987 and 1988

The International Whaling Commission, meeting in Bournemouth, England, has set bowhead whale quotas which meet with the approval of the members of the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission, according to Sen. Ted Stevens.

By unanimous consent, the IWC approved quotas of 32 whales for 1987 and 35 whales for 1988. The action marked the first time the IWC has set quotas by unanimous consent.

Arnold Brower of Barrow, one of the AEWC representatives attending the Bournemouth meeting, told Stevens the IWC member countries appear to better understand aboriginal needs, in light of the new scientific data submitted by the United States.

"It has taken many years for us to



convince the IWC that Alaska's Eskimos can continue their traditional whale hunt without threatening the bowhead populations," Stevens said.