

From: CEC Secretariat

Sent: Wednesday, May 7, 2025 8:40 AM

To: GSC and SEM Points of Contact

Subject: Extension to deliver NARW Draft factual record and Updated Workplan

Dear GSC and SEM Points of Contact,

The Secretariat hereby informs that a 15-day extension is necessary to deliver the draft factual record (DFR) concerning SEM-21-003 (*North Atlantic right whale*).

Following the Council members' instructions, the Secretariat sent an information request on 21 January 2025 to the Government of the United States. On 24 February 2025, the United States informed the Secretariat that it was still working on its response to the information request due to competing priorities during the political transition. To date, the Secretariat has not received any further response or information from the United States.

The additional time will allow the Secretariat to continue searching for and compiling relevant information to incorporate into the draft factual record. This process has required more time and effort than receiving information directly from the Party. The DFR will be submitted in English no later than 3 June 2025. The Spanish and French versions will follow as per the attached updated workplan.

The Secretariat will inform the Submitter of this extension.

Yours sincerely,

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