

# Western Gray Whale Advisory Panel Evaluation Response by IUCN

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IUCN is grateful to all the individuals for their contribution to the "Third External Evaluation of the Western Gray Whale" (SEIC-3h-6) [(W08>>BDC 2014) 2 (special)-1W0c -n o2>>BDCt 276 .7>2[(W)-I(e " )1TJ /TT2] Turner for his commitment to this project and to the IUCN Planning, Information Unit for their coordination and technical support

IUCN provides IUCN responses to the 7 recommendations identified by Stephen Turner. IUCN agrees with the conclusions of the report and aims at implementing all the recommendations in a timely fashion

IUCN structure around three parallel but complementary lines of action. These will be implemented simultaneously:

1. Reconfiguration of the Western Gray Whale Advisory Panel after reconfirming for the rest of the open water season the current members of the Panel (February to August 2015), IUCN will work with SEIC, the Lenders and the Panel Chair (and possibly other stakeholders) to define the key tasks that the Panel should undertake between October 2015 and December 2016 (the last period of the current Panel Terms of reference). Based on the revised list of tasks, all the positions (excluding the Panel Chair) will be re-advertised. The "new" Panel will then be operational between September 2015 and December 2016 and it will focus on providing "independent" advice to SEIC in relation to SEIC's operations during the 2016 open season.

3. The post2016 scenario: recognizing that the current GWAP Terms of Reference established in 2012 will expire in December 2016, but the obligation to implement the lenders requirements

**Management Response**

<p><b>Name of evaluation or review:</b> 3<sup>rd</sup> External Western Gray Whale Advisory Panel (GWAP) independent evaluation, December 2014  <b>Unit/person responsible for managing follow up:</b> IUCN, Global Business and Biodiversity Programme, Giulia Carbone, Deputy Director</p>	<p><b>Date created:</b> 25 Feb 2015  <b>Date updated:</b></p>	<p><b>Actors and units involved in follow up (full and abbreviated names):</b>          GBBP: Global Business and Biodiversity Programme          GMPP: Global Marine and Polar Programme          GWAP: The Western Gray Whale Advisory Panel          SEIC: Sakhalin Energy Investment Company</p>
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Recommendation	IUCN Response	Intended Result	Activities	Responsibility	Indicators	Status and timeframe
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**Recommendation 1. IUCN should maintain the current GWAP process in the short term, while launching a process of substantial change, within which elements of the current GWAP would be maintained.**

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**Recommendation 2. All stakeholders should participate in a consultative process that leads towards the establishment**



**Recommendation 7. A broader process of consultation on this idea should follow so that all**