

MONITORING IN 2021
BY THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE UNITED STATES
OF THE ABORIGINAL SUBSISTENCE QUOTA
FOR GRAY WHALES SET BY
THE INTERNATIONAL WHALING COMMISSION

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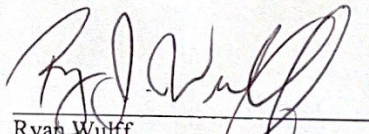
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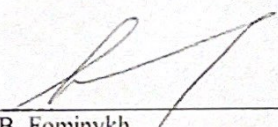
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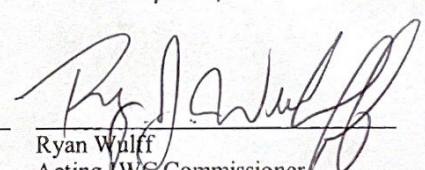
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