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**From:** Hammill, Mike  
**Sent:** November 2, 2007 9:31 PM  
**To:** [REDACTED]  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: Grey seals stock status report

I think it is quite evident that there is not a nuisance seal problem in nova scotia. It is also quite troubling to see that Nova Scotia is the only area that does not seem to follow a national policy, and it seems to think it is different, and is issuing licences as if it is a wild cowboy shoot, but the data show quite clearly that the problem seems almost insignificant. Newfoundland has 6 million seals in waters around its coast and has issued 2 licences, Nova Scotia may at best have 250k animals around its coast and has issued almost 500 licences. seems odd?  
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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**To:** Hammill, Mike; [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** RE: Grey seals stock status report

Good afternoon Mike et al ....the 481 nuisance seal licences issued in this region are for "grey seals only". This is annotated to the licence as well as this year the requirement to provide monthly kill numbers...at last count it is now 91 seals...including those caught on long line as incidental catches.  
I am contemplating the ramifications to the industry and DFO that if licence holders have a nil reports and we only get minimal numbers of kills reported under this licence will or could this be construed that there really isn't a problem with grey seal predation after all.....

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**From:** Hammill, Mike  
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**To:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** Grey seals stock status report

Hi-  
I am currently putting together the stock status report for grey seals. There is a context section which is where a management context goes.

It is in this section that the number of nuisance seal licences and number of removals will be included.

For the Maritime region I have 481 nuisance seal licenses issued for 2007. I assume that these are for grey seals? Could you clarify [REDACTED]

For qc, nf and gulf, how many nuisance licences have you issued, how many seals have been reported killed and have they been targetted at grey or harbour seals?

Thanks  
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