**Appendix I - Example Nutritional Body Condition Status Score (Please check off what fits best with as much as possible)**

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| **No** | **External / Internal** | **Feature** | **1 Emaciated** | **2 Thin (Fair)** | **3 Average (Moderate)** | **4 Fat (Good/Excellent)** | **CBD** |
| 1 | External | Nuchal fat pad area | Marked dipping | Slight dip | Flat | Convex |   |
| 2 | External | Vertebral processes | Prominent processes | Shape detectable | Not visible | Very rounded profile |   |
| 3 | External | Epaxial muscle profile (thoracic and lumbar) | Sharply concave musculature | Slight dipping of the epaxial areas | Flat | Rounded convex (add new photo) |   |
| 4 | External | Scapulae prominence **(Live whales only)** | Very visible | Just visible | Not visible | Not visible (see nuchal fat photo above) |  |
| 5 | Internal | Blubber Characteristics - *Blubber Oiliness* | Watery or Dry | Low oil | Moderately oil (can see/feel oil but not dripping) | Very oily, oil drips when cut |   |
|   | Internal | *Blubber Texture* | Very fibrous | Moderately fibrous | Somewhat to moderately pliable | Very pliable |   |
| 6 | Internal | Subcutaneous fat | None | Scant | Moderate | Abundant |   |
| 7 | Internal | Fat -heart, kidneys, mesentery, omental, mediastinum  | None | Scant | Moderate | Abundant |   |
|   | **Other Features** | **Y/N/CBD** |  |   |   |   |   |
|   | Serous Atrophy of Fat  | N |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Blubber Color? | Y, Salmon color |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Blubber Red-Band? | Y, Outer-layer band |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Cyamid load? | Y, Moderate load, head |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | GI Contents? | None |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | GI Parasites? | None |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Lipid Data? | NA |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Histologic Nutritional Information | NA |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | Body Shape-Snake-like? | N |   |   |   |   |   |
|   | **Overall Score** |  |  | **2-Thin (Fair)** |   |   |   |