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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1342 / 2013

SUBJECT: IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ICCAT REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMME FOR BLUEFIN TUNA

Preliminary costs of BFT-ROP Purse Seine Vessels - 2013 Fishing Season

As you will be aware, the Secretariat is extending the contract with MRAG/Cofrepeche consortium for the forthcoming year and the consortium have agreed not to increase their rates over 2012/13 prices.

Notwithstanding, we still do not have reliable information on the amount of returning observers from the last period to this period, so we are unable to determine exact training costs for this year.

Attached is the preliminary schedule of payment for purse seine vessels. As will be noted, the amount to be lodged by vessels which participated in 2011 and 2012 will be communicated separately, as will the costs for farms. These final costs cannot be calculated until we have been informed by the consortium of the exact number of returning observers.

We should be grateful if the attached information could be communicated to all vessel owners/operators.

I should also like to take this opportunity to remind all those who have not yet informed the Secretariat of the number of the farms/traps which will participate in the ROP-BFT in 2013/14 to do so as soon as possible in order to be able to calculate the budget/costs for this segment.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.



Driss Meski
Executive Secretary

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Attach: Preliminary Schedule of Payment for Purse Seine Vessels.

Preliminary Schedule of Payment for Purse Seine Vessels

Payment 1 – Recruitment, training and equipment

In order to be fair to those vessels which have paid substantial costs over the years, any cost reductions resulting from returning observers will be passed to vessels which participated in 2011 or 2012. Vessels which never participated, or only participated in 2010 will be required to pay the standard fee of **€7,500** for recruitment, training and equipment. This amount should be paid before **15 April 2013**. *The amount to be paid by vessels which participated in 2011 and / or 2012 for this item will be communicated as soon as possible.*

Payment 2 – Mobilisation

The Secretariat has studied the possibility of reducing this fee, but given the recent increase in air fares and reviewing costs from 2012, we consider it would not be expedient to significantly reduce this amount. Therefore the mobilisation fee to be paid for the 2013/14 season will be **€4,500** per vessel. As usual, in the event of a positive balance, the funds will be returned or credited to the account of the vessel. This amount should be paid before **26 April 2013**.

Payment 3 – Sea day / deployment costs

These costs are the same as 2012, i.e. €260.00 per day. To facilitate calculations, the form for requesting deployment has been designed to calculate, when correctly completed, the number of days to be paid according to the start/end dates of the observer deployment requested. The amount for sea days should be paid one month before the start of the fishing season i.e. 26 April 2013. A copy of the bank transfer order (swift) should accompany the deployment request form, which should be sent to the Secretariat by 26 April 2013.

All deployment requests and bank transfer receipts should be sent to the vessels CPC authorities with a copy to ROP_info@iccat.int. The Secretariat will not consider request for deployment to be authorised until it is confirmed by the CPC authorities.

Lodgements should be made to the ICCAT ROP-BFT account:

- Name of the bank: Banco Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria (BBVA)
- Address of branch: Pso. Recoletos, 10 ala sur pl. 1, 28001 – Madrid (Spain)
Precise name of the account holder: Comisión Internacional para la Conservación del Atún Atlántico (ICCAT)
- Full account number (including bank codes): 0182 2370 46 0201518869
- IBAN (or BIC code if not applicable): IBAN: ES91 0182 2370 4602 0151 8869 /
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Please be sure to cite the ICCAT Record number of the vessel to which the lodgement pertains when making your transfer.