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**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT ON SPECIES CONSIDERED TO BE TUNA
AND TUNA-LIKE SPECIES OR OCEANIC, PELAGIC, AND HIGHLY MIGRATORY
ELASMOBRANCHS**

(Proposed edits by the United States to CWG Chair's draft recommendation)

RECALLING the work of the Working Group on Convention Amendment to clarify the scope of the Convention through the development of proposed amendments to the Convention;

FURTHER RECALLING that the proposed amendments developed by the Working Group on Convention Amendment included defining "ICCAT species" to include tuna and tuna-like species and elasmobranchs that are oceanic, pelagic, and highly migratory;

NOTING the work of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) to determine which modern taxonomic groupings correspond to the definition of "tuna and tuna-like fishes" in Article IV of the Convention, and which elasmobranch species would be considered "oceanic, pelagic, and highly migratory";

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE
CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT)
RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. Upon the entry into force of the amendments to the Convention as developed by the Working Group on Convention Amendment, the term "tuna and tuna-like species" shall be understood to include the species of the family Scombridae, with the exception of the genus *Scomber*, and the sub-order Xiphoidei as follows:

Scombrid

Acanthocybium solandri (Cuvier 1832) –

Wahoo *Auxis rochei rochei* (Risso 1810) –

Bullet Tuna

Auxis thazard thazard (Lacepède 1800) – Frigate Tuna

Euthynnus alletteratus (Rafinesque 1810) – Little Tunny

Katsuwonus pelamis (Linnaeus 1758) – Skipjack Tuna

Orcynopsis unicolor (Geoffrey St. Hilaire 1817) – Plain

Bonito *Sarda sarda* (Bloch 1793) – Atlantic Bonito

Scomberomorus maculatus (Mitchill 1815) – Spanish Mackerel

Scomberomorus regalis (Bloch 1793) – Cero

Scomberomorus tritor (Cuvier in Cuvier & Valenciennes 1832) – West African Spanish Mackerel

Gasterochisma melampus (Richardson 1845) – Butterfly Kingfish

Allothunnus fallai (Serventy 1948) – Slender Tuna

Thunnus alalunga (Bonnaterre 1788) – Albacore

Thunnus albacares (Bonnaterre 1788) – Yellowfin Tuna

Thunnus atlanticus (Lesson 1831) – Blackfin Tuna

Thunnus obesus (Lowe 1839) – Bigeye Tuna

Thunnus thynnus (Linnaeus 1758) – Atlantic Bluefin Tuna

Thunnus maccoyii (Castelnau 1872) – Southern Bluefin Tuna

Istiophoridae

Istiompax indica (Cuvier 1832) – Black Marlin

Istiophorus platypterus (Shaw 1792) – Sailfish

Kajikia albida (Poey 1860) – White Marlin (currently known as *Tetrapturus albidus* in FAO and other CPCs species list that use FAO species names as reference)

Makaira nigricans (Lacepède 1802) – Blue Marlin

Tetrapturus belone (Rafinesque 1810) – Mediterranean Spearfish

Tetrapturus georgii (Lowe 1841) – Roundscale Spearfish

Tetrapturus pfluegeri (Robins & de Sylva 1963) – Longbill Spearfish

Xiphiidae

Xiphias gladius (Linnaeus 1758) – Swordfish

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2. Upon the entry into force of the amendments to the Convention as developed by the Working Group on Convention Amendment, the term “elasmobranchs that are oceanic, pelagic, and highly migratory” shall be understood to include the species as follows:

<i>Order</i>	<i>Family</i>	<i>Genus</i>	<i>Species</i>	<i>Species authorship</i>
[...] Orectolobiformes	[...] Rhincodontidae	<i>Rhincodon</i>	<i>typus</i>	Smith 1828
[...] Lamniformes	[...] Pseudocarchariidae	<i>Pseudocarcharias</i>	<i>kamoharai</i>	Matsubara 1936
[...] Lamniformes	[...] Lamnidae	<i>Carcharodon</i>	<i>carcharias</i>	Linnaeus 1758
[...] Lamniformes	[...] Lamnidae	[...] <i>Isurus</i>	[...] <i>oxyrinchus</i>	[...] Rafinesque 1810
[...] Lamniformes	[...] Lamnidae	[...] <i>Isurus</i>	[...] <i>paucus</i>	[...] Guitart Manday 1966
[...] Lamniformes	[...] Lamnidae	[...] <i>Lamna</i>	[...] <i>nasus</i>	[...] Bonnaterre 1788
[...] Lamniformes	[...] Cetorhinidae	[...] <i>Cetorhinus</i>	[...] <i>maximus</i>	[...] Gunnerus 1765
[...]	[...]			

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[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	
Lamniformes	Alopiidae	<i>Alopias</i>	<i>superciliosus</i>	Lowe 1841
Lamniformes	Alopiidae	<i>Alopias</i>	<i>vulpinus</i>	Bonnaterre 1788
[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	
Carcharhiniformes	Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus</i>	<i>falciformis</i>	Müller & Henle 1839
Carcharhiniformes	Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus</i>	<i>galapagensis</i>	Snodgrass & Heller 1905
Carcharhiniformes	Carcharhinidae	<i>Carcharhinus</i>	<i>longimanus</i>	Poey 1861
Carcharhiniformes	Carcharhinidae	<i>Prionace</i>	<i>glauca</i>	Linnaeus 1758
[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	
[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	
Carcharhiniformes	Sphyrnidae	<i>Sphyrna</i>	<i>lewini</i>	Griffith & Smith 1834
Carcharhiniformes	Sphyrnidae	<i>Sphyrna</i>	<i>mokarran</i>	Rüppell 1837
Carcharhiniformes	Sphyrnidae	<i>Sphyrna</i>	<i>zygaena</i>	Linnaeus 1758
[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	
Myliobatiformes	Dasyatidae	<i>Pteroplatytrygon</i>	<i>violacea</i>	Bonaparte 1832
[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	
[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	
Myliobatiformes	Mobulidae	<i>Manta</i>	<i>alfredi</i>	Kreffft 1868
Myliobatiformes	Mobulidae	<i>Manta</i>	<i>birostris</i>	Walbaum 1792
[...]	[...]	[...]	[...]	
Myliobatiformes	Mobulidae	<i>Mobula</i>	<i>hypostoma</i>	Bancroft 1831
Myliobatiformes	Mobulidae	<i>Mobula</i>	<i>japanica</i>	Müller & Henle 1841
Myliobatiformes	Mobulidae	<i>Mobula</i>	<i>mobular</i>	Bonnaterre 1788
Myliobatiformes	Mobulidae	<i>Mobula</i>	<i>rochebrunei</i>	Vaillant 1879
Myliobatiformes	Mobulidae	<i>Mobula</i>	<i>tarapacana</i>	Philippi 1892
Myliobatiformes	Mobulidae	<i>Mobula</i>	<i>thurstoni</i>	Lloyd 1908

3. The lists of species set forth in paragraphs 1 and 2 above will be reviewed periodically and may be amended, as appropriate, upon the receipt of advice from the SCRS.