**23-09 BIL**

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT ON CURAÇAO'S BLUE MARLIN PAYBACK PLAN**

*RECOGNISING* an overharvest for previous years of blue marlin by Curaçao;

*DESIROUS* of maintaining the aims of the ICCAT Rebuilding Plan for white marlin and blue marlin;

*NOTING* the willingness of Curaçao to payback the overharvest accumulated and abide by the ICCAT conservation and management measures;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION

OF ATLANTIC TUNA (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

1. The total negative balance from 2021 is 22.53 t, which shall be paid back in the following way:
* 2022, the first year of payback: a minimum of 2.53 t;
* 2023 to 2030 (inclusive): a minimum of 2.5 t per year.