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## RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT FOR QUOTA EXEMPTION FOR SMALL-SCALE DOMESTIC BLUEFIN TUNA FISHERIES IN THE WESTERN ATLANTIC

NOTING the current management recommendations for the conservation of western Atlantic bluefin tuna;

AND RECALLING the implementation of a strict quota measure for western Atlantic bluefin tuna;

RECOGNIZING that Bermuda, as a dependent territory of the United Kingdom, has a small-scale domestic fishery within own Exclusive Economic Zone and that fishery does have an incidental catch of bluefin tuna;

Therefore,

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

That the domestic fishery in the U.K. dependent territory of Bermuda be allowed an incidental catch of up to four Metric Tons of western Atlantic bluefin tuna, within its own Exclusive Economic Zone, during 1996.

IN KEEPING with the tenet of responsible fishing, Bermuda will closely monitor this incidental catch of bluefin tuna and obtain scientific data on all bluefin tuna landed by its vessels.