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STREAMLINING OF ICCAT CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

Measures for consideration by PWG

ICCAT Secretariat, in consultation with Chairs of subsidiary bodies

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1. At the 11th meeting of the IMM Working Group, Sapporo, July 2016, it was agreed to update and to combine ICCAT measures from

[94-09] *Resolution by ICCAT on compliance with the ICCAT conservation and management measures (including Addendum)*

And

[97-11] *Recommendation by ICCAT on transshipments and vessel sightings*

A proposed combined text was presented at the PWG during the 20th Special meeting of the Commission, but was not adopted, and hence this issue remains pending.

Suggested action: CPs may wish to continue consideration combining these measures into a single instrument. At its 2018 meeting, the IMM WG agreed that the PWG Chair discuss this issue with the Contracting Party [ies] that had concerns to see if the adoption of this combination could progress at the 2018 Annual meeting.

2. [09-09] *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending three recommendations in Conformity with the 2009 Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Establishment of an ICCAT Record of Vessels 20 Metres in Length Overall or Greater authorized to Operate in the Convention Area*

Suggested action: In previous years it was suggested that the Commission consider requesting the Secretariat to incorporate the amendments of 09-09 into the amended measures or subsequent measures replacing the amended measures, and remove Rec. 09-09 from the active Compendium. The IMM WG agreed with this approach in April 2018. It should be noted that the references referred to in 09-09 are obsolete with the exception of those in the preamble of Rec. 03-19. It is therefore suggested that these be changed with a footnote directly in the preamble of 03-19, and 09-09 be considered inactive.

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3. [12-09] *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Process towards the Establishment of a Catch Certification Scheme for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species*

As currently written, this Recommendation calls for a series of actions within timelines which have already passed. The IMM WG agreed that the work foreseen should be carried out as far as possible by the Secretariat in 2018, and that the matter be further considered at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

Suggested action: Depending on outcomes of discussions at the Annual Meeting, the Commission may wish to consider whether this Recommendation should be updated or repealed. The PWG may wish to take note and consider this in November.

4. [08-11] *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending Ten Recommendations and Three Resolutions*

Suggested action: Until such time as the changes can be incorporated into the relevant measures, the Secretariat proposes that new updated Recommendation be adopted and current Rec. 08-11 be repealed, as many of the measures cited in 08-11 are no longer in force. A draft proposal is attached for consideration (**Attachment**).

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**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT AMENDING FOUR
RECOMMENDATIONS AND ONE RESOLUTIONS**

RECOGNISING that the ~~Recommendation by ICCAT on an~~ ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation Program [~~Rec. 07-10~~] replaced the ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document Program;

NOTING that many previously adopted Recommendations and Resolutions make reference to the Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document and to Statistical Document Programs in general;

CONSIDERING that the coverage of bluefin tuna is intended in references to Statistical Document Programs in general;

FURTHER NOTING that the measures adopted for the previous bluefin tuna statistical document program pertained to the bigeye tuna and swordfish statistical document programs;

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

1. References to the 'bluefin tuna statistical document program' and 'bluefin tuna statistical documents' be replaced by 'bluefin tuna catch document program' and 'bluefin tuna catch documents' in the following provisions:
 - i) ~~Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Unreported Catches of Bluefin Tuna, Including Catches Classified as Not Elsewhere Included~~ [~~Rec. 97-03~~], paragraph 3;
 - ii) ~~Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Multi-annual Recovery Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean~~ [~~Rec. 06-05~~], in ANNEX 1, paragraph 11 b);
 - i) ~~iii)~~ *Recommendation by ICCAT on Bluefin Tuna Farming* [Rec. 06-07]: paragraphs 2b and 2f, paragraph 4, paragraph 8, paragraph 9f and the Caging Declaration contained in the Annex to the Recommendation;
 - ii) ~~iv)~~ *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Trade Measures* [Rec. 06-13], paragraph 2b.
2. The phrases 'Statistical Document Programs' and 'Statistical Documents' be replaced respectively by the phrases 'Statistical or Catch Document Programs' and 'Statistical Documents or Catch Documents' in the ~~following Recommendations and Resolutions~~: *Resolution by ICCAT on Compliance with the ICCAT Conservation and Management measures* [Res. 94-09], paragraph 5 and paragraph 7;
 - i) ~~Resolution by ICCAT on Compliance with the ICCAT Conservation and Management measures~~ [Res. 94-09], paragraph 5 and paragraph 7;
 - ii) ~~Resolution by ICCAT Concerning a Management Standard for Large-Scale Tuna Longline Fishery~~ [Res. 01-20], Attachment 1, paragraph 2) ~~iii and Attachment 2, Section B;~~
 - iii) ~~Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Establishment of an ICCAT Record of Vessels over 24 meters Authorized to Operate in the Convention area~~ [Rec. 02-22], paragraph 7b;
 - iv) ~~Resolution by ICCAT Concerning the Measures to Prevent the Laundering of Catches by Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated (IUU) Large-Scale Tuna Longline Fishing Vessels~~ [Res. 02-25], paragraph 1 and 2;
 - v) ~~Recommendation by ICCAT to Change the Terms of Reference of the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG)~~ [Rec. 02-28], paragraph 3 and paragraph 4;

- vi) ~~Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Program for Transshipment [Rec. 06-11], SECTION 5. GENERAL PROVISIONS, paragraph 17;~~
- vii) ~~Recommendation by ICCAT on Additional Measures for Compliance of the ICCAT Conservation and Management Measures [Rec. 06-15], paragraph 1, paragraph 2 and paragraph 3.~~
3. The first sentence of paragraph 2(3) of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the ICCAT Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Program* [Rec. 01-21] and the *Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Swordfish Statistical Document Program* [Rec. 01-22] be replaced, *mutatis mutandis*, by paragraphs A-D of the *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning Validation by a Government Official of the Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document* [Res. 93-02].
4. Paragraph 14 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the ICCAT Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Program* [Rec. 01-21] and paragraph 13 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Swordfish Statistical Document Program* [Rec. 01-22] be replaced *mutatis mutandis* by the *Recommendation by ICCAT on Validation of the Bluefin Tuna Statistical Document by the European Community* [Rec. 98-12].
5. Paragraph 2 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a List of Vessels Presumed to have Carried Out Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing Activities in the ICCAT Convention Area* [Rec. 06-12] be replaced by the following text:

~~“Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities shall transmit every year to the Executive Secretary at least 120 days before the annual meeting, the list of vessels flying the flag of a non-Contracting Party presumed to be carrying out IUU fishing activities in the Convention area during the current and previous year, accompanied by the supporting evidence concerning the presumption of IUU fishing activity.~~

~~This list shall be based on the information collected by Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities, *inter alia*, under:~~

- ~~— 1994 Resolution by ICCAT on Compliance with the ICCAT Conservation and Management Measures [Res. 94-09];~~
- ~~— 1997 Recommendation by ICCAT on Transshipments and Vessel Sightings [Rec. 97-11];~~
- ~~— 1997 Recommendation by ICCAT for a Revised ICCAT Port Inspection Scheme [Rec. 97-10];~~
- ~~— 2002 Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Establishment of an ICCAT Record of Vessels over 24 meters Authorized to Operate in the Convention Area [Rec. 02-22];~~
- ~~— 2007 Recommendation by ICCAT on an ICCAT Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation Program [Rec. 07-10]; 2001 Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the ICCAT Bigeye Tuna Statistical Document Program [Rec. 01-21]; and 2001 Recommendation by ICCAT Establishing a Swordfish Statistical Document Program [Rec. 01-22];~~
- ~~— 2006 Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Trade Measures [Rec. 06-13].”~~

5. This measure repeals and replaces Recommendation 08-11.

**Recommendations which were specifically repealed by the
measures adopted in 2017 and have been deactivated**

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[15-10] Recommendation by ICCAT to Clarify and Amend Aspects of ICCAT’s Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation Program to Facilitate the Application of the eBCD System

Repealed by Rec. 17-09, para 9