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**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT AMENDING THE RECOMMENDATION 16-06 ESTABLISHING A MULTI-ANNUAL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME FOR NORTH ATLANTIC ALBACORE**

*(Document submitted by Panel 2 Chair)*

*RECOGNIZING* that *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Multi-annual Conservation and Management Programme for North Atlantic Albacore* [Rec. 16-06] and *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Harvest Control Rule for North Atlantic Albacore Supplementing the Multi-annual Conservation and Management Programme* [Rec. 17-04] apply in 2020 and subsequent years, but that certain provisions will expire at the end of 2020,

*UNDERSTANDING* that due to the pandemic caused by COVID-19 it is difficult to have substantive discussion on conservation and management measures,

*MINDFUL* that under such circumstances one-year roll-over of the current measures with minimum amendments is the best option for the Commission;

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

1. Paragraph 5 of Rec. 16-06 shall be replaced with:

“5. CPCs other than those mentioned in paragraph 4 shall limit their annual catches to 242 t in 2021.”

2. Paragraph 6 of Rec. 16-06 shall be replaced with:

“6. By derogation to paragraphs 4 and 5, Japan shall endeavor to limit its total North Atlantic albacore annual catches to a maximum of 4.5% in weight of its total bigeye tuna longline catch in the Atlantic Ocean in 2021.”

3. Paragraph 7 of Rec. 16-06 shall be replaced with:

“7. Any unused portion or excess of a CPC’s annual quota/catch limit may be added to/shall be deducted from, according to the case, the respective quota/catch limit during or before the adjustment year, in the following way:

<i>Year of Catch</i>	<i>Adjustment Year</i>
2019	2021
2020	2022
2021	2023

However, the maximum underage that a Party may carry-over in any given year shall not exceed 25% of its initial catch quota.

If, in any year, the combined landings of CPCs exceed the TAC, the Commission will re-evaluate this Recommendation at its next Commission meeting and recommend further conservation measures, as appropriate.”

4. Paragraph 17 shall be replaced with:

“The Commission shall review and revise Rec. 16-06 as amended by this recommendation and Rec. 17-04 as amended by Rec. 20-(PA2\_607), including consolidation of relevant provisions into a single recommendation at its 2021 Commission meeting.”

**Commented [KD1]:** PA2 Chair: US suggested putting “Taking into account scientific advice” at the beginning of the sentence, but I did not take it since for one thing Panel 2 can consider any scientific information whenever available and for another thing the SCRS report is not clear on this point.