

**DRAFT RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT AMENDING THE RECOMMENDATION 17-04 ON A HARVEST CONTROL RULE FOR NORTH ATLANTIC ALBACORE SUPPLEMENTING THE MULTIANNUAL CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT PROGRAMME, REC. 16-06**

*(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] applies 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,

*NOTING*, however, that the SCRS recommends a new TAC based on the current harvest control rules,

*MINDFUL* that under such circumstances one-year roll-over of the current measures with the new TAC and pro-rata increase of the allocations and other limits could be an option for the Commission;

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

1. Paragraph 3 of Rec. 17-04 shall be replaced with:

“3. The North Atlantic albacore stock assessment shall be conducted every three (3) years, with the next stock assessment to occur in 2023.”

2. Paragraph 8 of Rec. 17-04 shall be replaced with:

“8. Taking into account paragraphs 4, 5 and 7, a TAC of 37,801 t is established for 2021. This TAC is allocated among the CPCs as follows:

CPC	Quota (t) for 2021
European Union	29,095.1
Chinese Taipei	4,416.9
United States	711.5
Venezuela	337.5

The allocation scheme above shall be reviewed and amended, as appropriate, at the 2021 Commission annual meeting.”

3. Paragraph 17 of Rec. 17-04 shall be replaced with:

“17. The Commission shall review the interim HCR in 2021 with a view to adopting a long-term management procedure.”

4. Paragraph 18 of Rec. 17-04 shall be replaced with the following:

“18. This Recommendation amends paragraphs 3 and 4 of Rec. 16-06<sup>1</sup> and does not set a precedent for future implementation of HCRs. The Commission shall consolidate Rec. 17-04 amended by this Recommendation and Rec. 16-06 into a single recommendation at its 2021 Commission meeting.”

<sup>1</sup> Rec. 16-06 has been separately amended by Rec. 20-PA2-606. All “Rec. 16-06” found in Rec. 17-04 amended by this Recommendation shall be considered as Rec. 16-06 amended by Rec. 20-PA2-606.

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