

**Resolution on Limited Carry-forward of Unfished Annual Total Allowable Catch
of Southern Bluefin Tuna within Three Year Quota Blocks**

(Adopted at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting – 10-13 October 2011)

The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna,

Noting the “Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure” was adopted at the eighteenth annual meeting in 2011;

Further noting that this resolution adopts a management procedure that will set the global total allowable catch (TAC) for southern bluefin tuna in three year blocks;

Considering the need to manage within these three year quota blocks and to allow some carry-forward of Member’s annual TAC;

Recognising that a provision to carry-forward undercatch can benefit the fishery by providing catch flexibility between quota years within a three year quota block;

Mindful that this carry-forward provision may present administrative complexities for some Members, and that it should therefore be up to each Member whether it wishes to implement the provision for its vessels;

Agrees in accordance with paragraph 3(b) of Article 8, that:

Section 1: Establishment of a Carry-forward Procedure

1. The Extended Commission hereby establishes a procedure for limited carry-forward of Members’ un-fished annual TAC¹ from one year to the next. This procedure will apply within, but not between, the three year quota blocks agreed under the Extended Commission’s management procedure (as per the Resolution on the Adoption of a Management Procedure).
2. Members shall determine whether or not to adopt the carry-forward procedure for their fishery. However, if a Member adopts the carry-forward procedure in this resolution such carry-forward shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures defined in sections 2 – 5 below.

Section 2: Carry-Forward Procedure

3. If a Member’s annual TAC is under-caught, that Member may carry forward this unfished quota to the next quota year. However, the total quota carried forward from one year to the next shall not exceed 20% of a Member’s annual TAC.
4. Un-fished quota may only be carried forward from one quota year to the next and cannot be carried between three year quota blocks. Quota that is carried forward from one quota year may not in turn generate further under-fishing to be carried forward to the following year².

¹ Annual TAC means the agreed national allocation for each Member set by CCSBT.

² That is, you cannot generate carryover on a previously carried over amount.

Section 3: Notification and Reporting of Carry-Forward Procedure

5. If at the beginning of a new quota year a Member decides to, in accordance with this resolution, carry forward unfished quota from the previous quota year, it shall notify the CCSBT Secretariat of this carry-forward and provide a revised annual available catch limit³ for the new quota year. This notification shall be provided to the Secretariat within the first 60 days of the new quota year.
6. Members that adopt the carry-forward procedure shall report on their use of the procedure in their annual reports to the Extended Commission, regardless of whether the procedure was in fact used by the Member during that quota year.

Section 4: Circumstances When Carry-Forward Is Not Applicable

7. If, on the basis of advice from the Extended Scientific Committee that exceptional circumstances exist that necessitate additional management action, the Extended Commission agrees to reduce the global total allowable catch within a three year quota block, the carry-forward procedures provided in this resolution shall not be applied by any Member.⁴
8. If the Extended Commission agrees within a three year quota block to reduce the national allocation of one or more Member, that Member shall not apply the carry-forward procedures provided in this resolution.

Section 5: General Provisions

9. The procedures in this resolution shall be applicable from 2012 .

³ An annual available catch limit means the annual TAC plus any carry-forward of unfished catch from the previous year.

⁴ Members should note that this could result in a loss of carried over catch.