

Resolution on Reporting all Sources of Mortality of Southern Bluefin Tuna

(Adopted at the Nineteenth Annual Meeting – 1-4 October 2012)

The Extended Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna,

Recalling previous agreement by Members and Cooperating Non-Members to report all sources of mortality of southern bluefin tuna recorded in the report of Eleventh Commission Meeting and the Fifth Compliance Committee Meeting;

Considering the value Members and Cooperating Non-Members see in recording these previous commitments in a resolution of the Extended Commission to ensure the data and reporting requirements for all sources of mortality are clear;

Further recalling the CCSBT Strategic Plan adopted at the 2011 Special Meeting of the Extended Commission;

Noting that in the Strategic Plan Members and Cooperating Non-Members accorded ‘very high priority’ to agreeing rules that ensure members report accurate and complete data on all sources of mortality for southern bluefin tuna;

Recognising the importance that this data is considered by the Extended Scientific Committee;

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

1. All Members and Cooperating Non-Members shall, subject to paragraph 2, report accurate and complete data on the quantity of all sources of southern bluefin tuna mortality in their national reports presented to the Extended Commission.
2. If a Member or Cooperating Non-Member is unable to provide complete and accurate data as required in paragraph 1 of this resolution, they shall report a best estimate of all sources of southern bluefin tuna mortality in their national report to the Extended Commission.
3. For the purposes of this resolution “all sources of mortality” shall be understood to include, but not be limited to, discards and recreational fishing, including the fate –live and vigorous; moribund; dead – of these sources of southern bluefin tuna.
4. The Secretariat will expand the table of compliance with measures, which is currently provided by the Secretariat to the annual Compliance Committee, to accommodate the reporting of all sources of southern bluefin tuna mortality.
5. The Extended Scientific Committee shall incorporate the data on all sources of southern bluefin mortality provided in Member’s and Cooperating Non-Member’s national reports into their work, including future assessments.