

**Resolution on Limited Carry-forward of Unfished Annual Total Allowable  
Catch of Southern Bluefin Tuna**

*(Adopted at the Twenty First Annual Meeting – 13-16 October 2014)*

*(Replaces the “Resolution on Limited Carry-forward of Unfished Annual Total Allowable Catch of Southern Bluefin Tuna within Three Year Quota Blocks” that was adopted at the Eighteenth Annual Meeting)*

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 for Members to effectively manage their TACs within each quota year and to allow limited 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;

*Informed* that such a provision will not have a negative effect on the operation of the Management Procedure and the setting of global TACs;

*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 TAC<sup>1</sup> from one year to the next.
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.

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<sup>1</sup> Annual TAC means the agreed national allocation for each Member set by CCSBT.

## **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 that Member's TAC for the under-caught year.
4. Un-fished quota may only be carried forward from one quota year to the next. Quota that is carried forward from one quota year may not in turn generate further under-fishing to be carried forward to the following year<sup>2</sup>.

## **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 limit<sup>3</sup> 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<sup>4</sup>.
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.
9. If either the Management Procedure recommends, or the Extended Commission decides on a lower Global TAC, then the Carry-forward procedures provided for in this Resolution shall not be applied by any Member.<sup>4</sup>
10. If a Member exceeds its national allocation for the 2015 fishing season or later without paying back its excess catch for those seasons, the carry-forward procedures provided in this resolution shall not be applied by that Member until those catches have been paid back, unless otherwise agreed by the Extended Commission.

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<sup>2</sup> That is, you cannot generate carryover on a previously carried over amount.

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

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

## **Section 5: General Provisions**

11. The procedures in this Resolution shall take effect immediately upon adoption.