

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF DR. JAMES JOSEPH

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The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, having responsibility for the study of tunas and tuna-like fishes in the eastern Pacific Ocean, for the formulation of a multilateral management regime for the sustainable use of these resources, and for the development and implementation of the International Dolphin Conservation Program for this international fishery,

Acknowledging the complexities of managing this high-visibility international fishery on a rational and scientific basis, particularly given substantial diplomatic, political, economic and public influences,

Recalling the tremendous economic and social importance of the tuna fishery to the coastal states of the eastern Pacific Ocean and other nations participating in this fishery,

Reaffirming the commitment of all the Parties and of other nations participating in this fishery to the principles of ensuring the sustainability of the tuna resource and to the protection of dolphins,

Observing that the success of the many programs developed and implemented under the auspices of the Commission since its inception in 1949 has earned the praise, recognition, respect and admiration of nations, multilateral fisheries management organizations, non-governmental organizations and fishermen from around the world,

Understanding that the success and global recognition of these programs has become a source of great pride for all nations participating in the Commission and its programs, particularly when the eastern Pacific Ocean is viewed in the context of the many troubled fisheries of the world,

Acknowledging that the management of the eastern Pacific tuna fishery demands the support and commitment of all participant nations, but that the success of its programs ultimately rests on the shoulders of its manager, on his dynamism, creativity, integrity, and scientific and professional expertise,

Concluding that, to a degree that is impossible to quantify, these countless, notable and persistent successes, international recognition and the national pride of participant nations are attributable to a man who has dedicated his professional life to lead us to where we are today,

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission therefore resolves that Dr. James Joseph be recognized and commended for his four decades of service to our common goals and their aforementioned success; that the immeasurable respect, admiration and gratitude of its members be extended to Dr. Joseph by the Commission; and that, accompanying those sentiments, the Commission looks forward to many more years of expert counsel from Dr. Joseph.