

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

**83<sup>RD</sup> MEETING**

**La Jolla, California (USA)  
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**RESOLUTION C-12-09**

**CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR  
BLUEFIN TUNA IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN**

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in La Jolla, California (USA), on the occasion of its 83<sup>rd</sup> Meeting:

*Taking into account* that the stock of Pacific bluefin tuna is caught in both the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) and in the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO);

*Affirming* that it is necessary to take preventive measures throughout the range of the resource to contribute to the stability of the stock of Pacific bluefin tuna;

*Recognizing* that the impact of the fisheries in the WCPO is much greater than the EPO fisheries and their rate of increase in recent years is greater (Document IATTC 83-05, page 76);

*Noting* that, consequently, conservation measures that are adopted in the WCPO are more important for the conservation of these stocks, and those that are currently in force may not be sufficient to reduce the fishing mortality of juveniles;

*Encouraging* both Commissions to take complementary and effective measures to reduce the mortality of bluefin tuna throughout the entire spectrum of ages, especially juveniles;

*Urging* all IATTC Members and Cooperating non-Members (CPCs) involved in this fishery to participate in a fair and equitable manner, and without exceptions, in the discussions and adoption of conservation measures applicable to the stock throughout its entire range;

*Mindful* that these measures are intended as an interim means for exercising caution towards assuring sustainability of the Pacific bluefin tuna resource and motivating comparable action on the part of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), and that future conservation measures should be based not only on these interim measures, but also on development of future scientific information and advice of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) and the IATTC scientific staff; and

*Taking into account* the IATTC scientific staff's conservation recommendation for the Convention Area (Document IATTC 83-05c) as well as those adopted by the WCPFC, and committed to maintaining fishing activity at sustainable levels;

*Resolves as follows;*

1. In the IATTC Convention Area, the commercial catches of bluefin tuna by all the CPCs during the two-year period of 2012-2013 shall not exceed 10,000 metric tons.
2. The commercial catch of bluefin tuna in the commercial fishery in the Convention Area shall not exceed 5,600 metric tons during the year 2012.
3. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 and 2, any CPC with a historical record of Eastern Pacific bluefin catches may take a commercial catch of up to 500 metric tons of Eastern Pacific bluefin tuna

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annually.

4. CPCs shall take the measures necessary to ensure that the total catch of Pacific bluefin in the Convention Area for each year does not exceed the catch limit for that year. For this purpose, each CPC shall report its catches to the Director in a timely manner, but on a monthly basis as a minimum. The Director shall communicate this information to all the CPCs on a monthly basis, and inform the CPCs when the total annual catch limit is reached.
5. Taking into account the recommendations of the IATTC scientific staff formulated in consultation with the 4th meeting of Scientific Advisory Committee, the new ISC stock assessment for Pacific bluefin tuna, and the measures taken by the WCPFC, the Commission shall review this resolution at its meeting in 2013 and take appropriate actions, for juveniles in particular
6. The Commission shall ask the WCPFC to take measures comparable to the measures in this Resolution.