

**SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
TO AMEND THE REBUILDING PROGRAM FOR NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH**

RECALLING that, at its 2003 meeting, the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas rescheduled the stock assessments for North Atlantic swordfish to occur in 2006 and thereafter every three years (*Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend the Rebuilding Program for North Atlantic Swordfish and South Atlantic Swordfish* [Rec. 03-03]);

DESIRING to align stock management discussions with new scientific advice and, in the meantime, to extend for one year existing management measures, which support the North Atlantic swordfish rebuilding program;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS RECOMMENDS THAT:

- 1 Management measures in place for the year 2005 in paragraphs 2, 3c) and 7 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Relating to the Rebuilding Program for North Atlantic Swordfish* [Rec. 02-02] shall be extended through 2006;
- 2 Notwithstanding paragraph 2 of the 1996 *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Compliance in the Bluefin Tuna and North Atlantic Swordfish Fisheries* [Rec. 96-14], which is also applicable to the South Atlantic Swordfish fisheries, all unused portion (if this is specified in the pertinent management recommendation) or excess of the annual quota/catch limit shall be deducted from/may be added to, according to the case, the respective quota/catch limit during or before the adjustment year, in the following way for North Atlantic Swordfish:

Catch Year	Adjustment Year
2003	2005
2004	2006
2005	2007
2006	2008

- 3 All other operative paragraphs of Recommendation 02-02, as amended by Recommendation 03-03, shall remain unchanged.