

**SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT
CONCERNING THE REBUILDING PLAN FOR BLUE MARLIN AND WHITE MARLIN**

RECALLING the *Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Plan to Rebuild Blue Marlin and White Marlin Populations* [Rec. 00-13], as amended by the *2001 Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend the Plan to Rebuild Blue Marlin and White Marlin Populations* [Rec. 01-10] and the *2002 Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend the Plan to Rebuild Blue Marlin and White Marlin Populations* [Rec. 02-13];

RECOGNIZING the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) has recommended that the stock assessments for blue marlin and white marlin should not be held before 2006;

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RECOMMENDS THAT:

- 1 Phase 1 of the Rebuilding Plan for Blue and White Marlin shall remain in effect through 2006. All management measures established by the Rebuilding Plan shall be extended through 2006.
- 2 The stock assessments of Atlantic blue marlin and white marlin shall be conducted in 2006, consistent with the process advised by the SCRS.
- 3 For blue marlin and white marlin, the SCRS shall, at the 2006 Commission meeting, present its evaluation of specific stock recovery scenarios that take into account the new stock assessments, any new information and any re-evaluation of the historical catch and effort time series.