

**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT TO AUTHORIZE CATCH LIMIT
ADJUSTMENTS IN THE BIGEYE TUNA FISHERY**

GIVEN that the 2001 Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding the Temporary Adjustment of Quotas [Rec. 01-12] established that any temporary quota adjustment shall be done only under authorization of the Commission;

NOTING that Japan and China agreed to a transfer of fishing capacity of 10 large scale tuna longline vessels from Japan to China;

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

1. The 2,000 t transfer of bigeye tuna catch limit from Japan to China, to be applied each year in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, be authorized.
2. Japan reduce the number of its fishing vessels larger than 24 meters length overall which will fish for bigeye tuna in the Convention area by 10 vessels from the average number of its fishing vessels actually having fished for bigeye tuna in the Convention area for the two years of 1991 and 1992.