

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT TO AMEND ICCAT REPORTING
DEADLINES IN ORDER TO FACILITATE AN EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT COMPLIANCE PROCESS**

RECOGNIZING the substantial amount of information that must be reviewed and analyzed to prepare for meetings of the Compliance Committee; and

NOTING that an earlier submission date of the Annual Report Part II and other reports that contain information relevant to assessing CPC compliance will afford a more thorough review of this information;

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

1. The deadline in paragraph 1 of *Recommendation by ICCAT to Clarify the Application of Compliance Recommendations and for Developing the Compliance Annex* [Rec. 11-11], shall be amended to 15 August (Compliance Reporting Tables and associated forms, currently due 15 September).
2. Deadlines in the following ICCAT instruments shall be amended to 1 October, as follows:
 - (a) *Revised Guidelines for the Preparation of Annual Reports* [Ref. 12-13], paragraph 2, last sentence (complete Annual Report, comprising Part I and Part II, currently due 16 October);
 - (b) *Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation 13-07 by ICCAT to Establish a Multi-Annual Recovery Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean* [Rec. 14-04], paragraph 101 (report on implementation of 14-04, currently due 15 October);
3. The Commission shall review this Recommendation at the 2018 meeting of the Commission to consider further modifying the deadline for the Compliance Reporting Tables and, as appropriate, other deadlines relevant to the Compliance Committee's work.