

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT ON
NORTHERN ALBACORE CATCH LIMITS**

CONSIDERING that, to maintain the stability of the spawning stock biomass of northern albacore, the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) recommends that catches not exceed their current level of 34,500 MT;

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

- 1 A total allowable catch (TAC) of 34,500 MT be established for 2001.
- 2 This catch limit shall be allocated to the Contracting Parties according to the table below:

<i>Party</i>	<i>Quota (2001)</i>
European Community	28,712 MT
United States	607 MT
TOTAL	29,319 MT

- 3 With the exception of Japan, Contracting Parties other than those mentioned in paragraph 2 above should limit their catches to 200 MT.
- 4 Japan will endeavour to limit its total northern albacore catches to a maximum of 4% in weight of its bigeye tuna longline catch in the Atlantic Ocean.
- 5 For non-Contracting Parties, Entities and Fishing Entities, the catch limit for 2001 will be 4,459 MT* .
- 6 All overages and underages of quotas/annual catch limits of northern albacore should be deducted from or added to the quota/catch limit for the year 2002 and/or 2003.
- 7 The *1998 Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Limitation of Fishing Capacity on Northern Albacore* remain in force.

*This figure includes a special allocation for Chinese Taipei of 4,453 MT, since Chinese Taipei has Cooperating Status.