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**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT CONCERNING  
THE IMPORTATION OF BIGEYE TUNA  
AND ITS PRODUCTS FROM HONDURAS**

*RECALLING* the adoption in 1998 of the *Resolution by ICCAT Concerning the Unreported and Unregulated Catches of Tunas by Large-Scale Longline Vessels in the Convention Area*;

*FURTHER RECALLING* the adoption in 2000 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Belize, Cambodia, Honduras and St. Vincent and Grenadines Pursuant to the 1998 Resolution Concerning the Unreported and Unregulated Catches of Tunas by Large-Scale Longline Vessels in the Convention Area* (hereinafter referred to as the 2000 Recommendation), pursuant to which Contracting Parties took appropriate action to the effect that the import of Atlantic bigeye tuna and its products in any form from Honduras has been prohibited;

*RECOGNIZING* the significant progress that the Government of Honduras has recently made to reduce substantially the activities of its fishing vessels that were identified as diminishing the effectiveness of ICCAT conservation and management measures related to Atlantic bigeye tuna;

*HIGHLIGHTING* in this regard recent communication from the Government of Honduras that explains specific actions taken, in particular effecting sharp reductions in the number of tuna fishing vessels registered in Honduras;

*WELCOMING* that on January 30, 2001 Honduras became a Contracting Party to ICCAT;

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

1. Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities shall lift the import prohibition on Atlantic bigeye tuna and its products that was imposed on Honduras pursuant to the 2000 Recommendation.
2. Notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 2, of the Convention, the Contracting Parties and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities shall implement this recommendation as soon as possible in accordance with their regulatory procedures.