

[02-24]

**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT CONCERNING THE IMPLEMENTATION
OF THE RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING THE ICCAT RECORD OF VESSELS**

RECOGNIZING that the Commission adopted at its 2002 meeting the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Establishment of an ICCAT Record of Vessels Over 24 meters Authorized to Operate in the Convention Area* [02-22];

BEING CONCERNED that there remains a hundred large-scale tuna longline vessels (LSTLVs) that are believed to continue illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing in the Convention Area and other areas.

FURTHER RECOGNIZING a need to take measures to prevent those IUU fishing vessels from being entered in the ICCAT Record before the said Recommendation is entered into force;

REAFFIRMING Contracting Parties' and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties', Entities or Fishing Entities' right to determine which fishing vessels over 24 m will be included on their list of vessels, including new vessels or ones to replace old vessels.

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

1. With respect to the LSTLVs, the Executive Secretary should:
 - Compare the list which was submitted to him by August 31, 2002 in accordance with paragraph 1 of the 2000 *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Registration and Exchange of Information of Fishing Vessels Fishing for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the Convention Area* [00-17] (hereinafter referred to as the List) and the initial ICCAT Record to be established by the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Establishment of an ICCAT Record of Vessels Over 24 Meters Authorized to Operate in the Convention Area* adopted at the 2002 Commission meeting,
 - Identify the LSTLVs newly appeared on the initial ICCAT Record (both net increase from the List and replacements of those previously on the List), and
 - Present the result to the 2003 Commission meeting.
2. The Compliance Committee and Permanent Working Group (PWG) should scrutinize the information in paragraph 1 above to examine possible involvement of the remaining IUU LSTLVs on the ICCAT Record.