

– RECOMMENDATION –
ON BLUEFIN TUNA SIZE LIMIT AND FISHING MORTALITY

Recommendation adopted by the Council for the EAST and WEST ATLANTIC at its Third Regular Meeting (Madrid, November, 1974), Report for Biennial Period, 1974-75, Part I. Entered into force: August 10, 1975. NOTE: The Recommendation limiting fishing mortality was extended by the Commission in 1981 for an indefinite period for the EAST ATLANTIC ONLY, and entered into force on July 20, 1982.

The Council recommends:

FIRST: That the Contracting Parties take the necessary measures to prohibit any taking and landing of bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) weighing less than 6.4 kg.

Notwithstanding the above regulation, the Contracting Parties may grant tolerances to boats which have incidentally captured bluefin weighing less than 6.4 kg, with the condition that this incidental catch should not exceed 15 percent of the number of fish per landing of the total bluefin catch of said boats or its equivalent in percentage by weight.

SECOND: That as a preliminary step, the Contracting Parties that are actively fishing for bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) or those that incidentally catch it in significant quantities shall take the necessary measures to limit the fishing mortality of bluefin tuna to recent levels for a period of one year.