

– RECOMMENDATION –
FOR SUPPLEMENTAL BLUEFIN MEASURES:
CLOSED SEASON IN THE EASTERN ATLANTIC

Recommendation adopted by the Commission at its Thirteenth Regular Meeting (Madrid, November, 1993), Report for Biennial Period, 1992-93, Part II. Entered into force: May 31, 1994.

IN ADDITION to the Commission's regulatory measures currently in effect on eastern Atlantic bluefin tuna,

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

- FIRST:* that during the period from June 1 to July 31 there will be no fishery using large pelagic longline fishing vessels greater than 24 m in length for bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean.
- SECOND:* that, notwithstanding the provisions of Article VIII, paragraph 2 of the Convention, the Contracting Parties whose nationals have been fishing for bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean using large pelagic longline fishing vessels greater than 24 m in length take steps to implement this recommendation before June 1, 1994 in accordance with the regulatory procedures of each country.
- THIRD:* that, in accordance with the Commission's decisions adopted in 1988 and subsequent years concerning fishing activities by non-Contracting Parties, the Commission transmit this recommendation to non-Contracting Parties whose large pelagic longline fishing vessels are currently fishing for bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean, and urge them to implement this measure before June 1, 1994.

Note: "length" means:

- (i) for any fishing vessel built after 18 July 1982, 96% of the total length on a waterline at 85% of the least molded depth measured from the top of the keel, or the length from the foreside of the stem to the axis of the rudder stock on that waterline, if that be greater. In ships designed with a rake of keel the waterline on which this length is measured shall be parallel to the designed waterline;
- (ii) for any fishing vessel built before 18 July, 1982, registered length as entered on the national register or other record of vessels.