

**-- RESOLUTION --
ON VESSEL SIGHTING**

Resolution adopted by the Commission at its Ninth Special Meeting (Madrid, November-December, 1994). Report for Biennial Period, 1994-95, Part I. Officially transmitted to the Contracting Parties: January 23, 1995.

RECALLING that the Commission has taken various conservation and management measures on tuna and tuna-like species in the Convention Area;

NOTING the Recommendation on Supplemental Regulatory Measures for the Management of Eastern Atlantic Bluefin Tuna adopted at the Thirteenth Regular Meeting in 1993, which prohibits the fishing for bluefin tuna using longline fishing vessels greater than 24 m in length in the Mediterranean during the period from June 1 to July 31;

FURTHER NOTING the Recommendation on the Management of Bluefin Tuna Fishing in the Central North Atlantic Ocean adopted at the Thirteenth Regular Meeting in 1993, which limits the bluefin tuna catch in this area and prohibits the initiation of a new fishery targeting bluefin tuna for a period of two years;

BEING AWARE of the need to obtain and monitor cooperation from the non-Contracting Parties with ICCAT conservation and management measures to ensure the effectiveness of the Commission's recommendations;

RECOGNIZING the need to develop a mechanism to monitor fishing activities by non-Contracting Parties in the Convention Area and to take possible ways and means based on the collected information to deter fishing activities of non-Contracting Parties which undermine conservation and management measures of the Commission;

ALSO RECOGNIZING the need to improve compliance by Contracting Parties in the Convention Area;

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

- 1 The Contracting Parties should collect any information on the sighting of vessels of Contracting and non-Contracting Parties, as set out below, through their enforcement and surveillance operations in the Convention Area. Such information should be transmitted promptly to the Executive Secretary (a sighting information sheet is attached as an Addendum):
 - a) Large pelagic tuna longline fishing vessels greater than 24 m in length operating in the Mediterranean during the period from June 1 to July 31,
 - b) Vessels that appear to be:
 - i) fishing bluefin tuna in the north Atlantic without regard to the scientific monitoring quota in the western Atlantic;
 - ii) directing a fishery on bluefin tuna spawning stocks in the Gulf of Mexico; or,
 - iii) fishing bluefin tuna in the central North Atlantic (north of 40°N, between 35°W and 45°W) contrary to the relevant Commission recommendation.
 - iv) fishing tuna and tuna-like species contrary to the relevant Commission Recommendations other than i, ii, and iii.
- 2 The Contracting Parties should encourage those of their fishermen who operate in the Convention Area to collect the information on the vessels set out in paragraph 1.

- 3 When a vessel described in paragraph 1 is sighted and:
 - a) flies the flag of a Contracting Party, the Executive Secretary shall, upon receiving the information from the Contracting Party which sighted the vessel, immediately transmit it to the relevant Contracting Party which shall immediately take appropriate action with respect to the vessel in question. Such Contracting Party shall promptly inform the Commission of the actions taken,
 - b) flies the flag of a non-Contracting Party, the Executive Secretary shall, upon receiving the information from the Contracting Party which sighted the vessel, immediately transmit it to the relevant non-Contracting Party and request that it promptly take appropriate action to ensure that the effectiveness of the ICCAT conservation measures are not undermined and inform the Commission of the results of such action. The Executive Secretary shall compile the information and provide it to the Commission,
 - c) the flag state cannot be identified, the Executive Secretary shall compile the information received from the Contracting Parties which sight such vessels and provide it to the Commission.
- 4 Appropriate authorities of Contracting Parties are encouraged, upon the consent of the master, to board and collect information on pelagic fishing vessels of non-Contracting Parties fishing in the Convention Area. Information collected from such courtesy boardings shall be compiled and reported to the Commission.
- 5 Any Contracting Party in whose ports bluefin tuna fishing or transport vessels enter and any Contracting Party which has ports identified by the Statistical Document Program as a point of export of bluefin tuna should make every effort to collect the following information on the tuna vessels of non-Contracting Parties in its ports (the appended sighting information sheet should be used for this purpose) and report the information collected to the Commission:
 - a) Vessel Type and Name
 - b) Flag and Port of Registry
 - c) International Radio Call Sign
 - d) Registration Number
 - e) Length and Gross Tonnage
 - f) Fishing Gear Description (e.g. type, amount)
 - g) Nationality of master, officers and crew
 - h) Date of Entry and Departure
 - i) Activities at port (supply, landing, transshipment, etc.)
 - j) Other relevant information
- 6 Such Contracting Party should make every effort to photograph the vessels and collect the following information through interviews with vessel masters, officers or crew:
 - a) Name and Address of the Owner
 - b) Name and Address of the Operator
 - c) Amount of catch, landing or transshipment by species
 - d) Area, Target Species and Period of Fishing
- 7 Each Contracting Party shall make every effort to ensure that bluefin tuna harvested by its vessels and described in each Statistical Document has not been taken contrary to the Commission's conservation and management measures.
- 8 Each Contracting Party should seek to discourage, in accordance with its law, its nationals from associating with the activities of non-Contracting Parties which undermine the effectiveness of the ICCAT conservation and management measures.
- 9 The Contracting Parties should review the ICCAT Scheme of Port Inspection with a view to developing an effective enforcement scheme to enhance compliance with the ICCAT Recommendations.
- 10 The Executive Secretary shall transmit this Resolution to all non-Contracting Parties and request their cooperation for the effective implementation of this Resolution.

SIGHTING INFORMATION SHEET					
1. Date of Sighting:		Month	Day	Year	
2. Position of Vessel Sighted:					
At Sea:	Latitude	Longitude			
At Port:	Name of Port	Country			
3. Name of the Vessel Sighted:					
4. Flag Country:					
5. Port (and Country) of Registry:					
6. Type of Vessel:					
7. International Radio Call Sign:					
8. Registration Number:					
9. Estimated Length and Gross Tonnage:		m	MT		
10. Fishing Gear Description:					
Type:	Estimated quantity (units)				
11. Nationality of Captain:	Officer:	Crew:			
12. Vessel Situation When Sighted at Sea (Please check):					
Fishing	Cruising	Drifting	Transshipping	Other	
13. Type of Activities of the Vessel Sighted at Sea (Please check):					
<input type="checkbox"/> 1) Large pelagic tuna longline fishing vessels greater than 24 m in length operating in the Mediterranean during the period from June 1 to July 31 <input type="checkbox"/> 2) Vessels actually or possible engaged in bluefin tuna fishing that is contrary to the quota established by the Commission for scientific monitoring purposes in the western Atlantic <input type="checkbox"/> 3) Vessels actually or possible engaged in a directed fishery on bluefin tuna spawning stocks in the Gulf of Mexico <input type="checkbox"/> 4) Vessels actually or possible engaged in fishing bluefin tuna contrary to the Commission's regulation in the central north Atlantic (north of 40°N, between 35°W and 45°W). <input type="checkbox"/> 5) Vessels actually or possible engaged in fishing bluefin tuna contrary to the Commission Regulations other than above (Specify) _____					
14. Date of Entry and Departure (Port Sighting Only)					
Entry: M	, D	, Y	Departure: M	, D	, Y
15. Activities at Port (Port Sighting Only) (Please check):					
Supply	Landing	Transshipment	Other (Specify)		

16. Other Relative Information:

NOTE: THE SECTIONS BELOW ARE FOR NON-CONTRACTING PARTIES' VESSELS SIGHTED AT PORT ONLY. Fill out the following when information is obtained by interviewing the vessel master, officers and/or crew:

17. Name and Address of the Owner:

18. Name and Address of the Operator:

19. Estimated Amount of Catch, Landing, or Transshipment (when possible, by species) in metric tons (MT):

TOTAL	MT BLUEFIN	MT BIGEYE	MT YELLOWFIN	MT
ALBACORE	MT SWORDFISH	MT BILLFISHES	MT OTHERS	MT

20. Fishing Area, Target Species, and Period of Fishing:

Fishing Area: Target Species: Fishing Period: From to

21. Other Information:

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS COLLECTED BY:

OFFICER'S NAME:

TITLE:

NAME OF VESSEL:

AIRCRAFT:

OR PORT:

DATE: (Month)

(Day)

(Year)

SIGNATURE: