

– RESOLUTION –
FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF ADDITIONAL RECOVERY SCENARIOS
BY SCRS FOR ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA

Resolution adopted by the Commission at its Fifteenth Regular Meeting (Madrid, November 1997). Report for Biennial Period, 1996-97, Part II. Officially transmitted to the Contracting Parties: December 12, 1997.

RECALLING that at the Fourteenth Regular Meeting of the Commission in 1995, the Commission adopted measures on Atlantic bluefin tuna research;

NOTING that in 1998 the Standing Committee on Research & Statistics (SCRS) will perform a new assessment of the eastern and western Atlantic bluefin tuna populations; and

ALSO NOTING that additional recovery scenarios will provide the Commission with the information needed to consider, develop, and improve long-term stock rebuilding plans in 1998;

THEREFORE,

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

- 1 That the SCRS evaluate any possible existing deficiencies in providing the basic data (Tasks I and II) on the different fleets as well as the possible effects of these deficiencies on the results of the assessments.
- 2 That the SCRS study and present, at its 1998 meeting, different possible stock recovery scenarios (at levels that support MSY) for the west Atlantic and the east Atlantic, including the Mediterranean, taking into account various alternatives of possible levels of recruitment and mixing of the stocks and, if possible, different alternatives of selectivities of the catch.
- 3 That the SCRS study in which time-area strata in the Mediterranean the monthly closure Resolution by ICCAT to purse seiners would be more effective for the conservation of the bluefin stock.
- 4 That the Contracting Parties will undertake to provide the best available Task I and Task II data that will enable the SCRS to accomplish these analyses.