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85TH MEETING

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RESOLUTION C-13-03

SUPPLEMENTAL RESOLUTION ON NORTH PACIFIC ALBACORE

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Recalling Resolution C-05-02 on Northern Pacific albacore tuna;

Recalling further its responsibility for the conservation and management of tunas and tuna-like species in the Convention Area, and for the formulation of recommendations to its Members and Cooperating non-Members (CPCs) with regard to the conservation and management of these resources,

Observing that the 2011 stock assessment of North Pacific albacore from the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) indicates that the stock is not being overfished nor is it in an overfished state;

Mindful that the effectiveness of Resolution C-05-02 is unknown and considering that the ISC is expected to complete a new stock assessment in 2014;

Taking note that there currently does not exist a common interpretation or understanding of the term “current effort”, and that the IATTC staff has recommended that an operational definition of current effort, including a baseline reference period, be developed;

Recognizing the importance of working with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), as provided for in Article XXIV of the Antigua Convention, in order to manage North Pacific albacore tuna throughout its migratory range;

Noting the work of the WCPFC’s Northern Committee in determining the extent their Commission Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and participating Territories (CCMs) are working to implement the WCPFC’s Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2005-03 on North Pacific albacore ;

Recalling further Article 22(4) of the WCPFC Convention that provides for cooperation with the IATTC regarding fish stocks that occur in the convention areas of both organizations;

Taking into account Article IV of the Antigua Convention calling upon members of the Commission to apply the precautionary approach, as described in the relevant provisions of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Code of Conduct, as well as the 1995 United Nations Fish Stocks Agreement, for the conservation, management and sustainable use of fish stocks covered by the Convention; and,

Considering the ongoing work within the WCPFC towards the development of a precautionary approach framework for North Pacific albacore, which will include target and limit reference points, as well as pre-agreed decision rules should those reference points be breached;

The IATTC therefore resolves that:

1. All CPCs shall report to the Director by December 1st, 2013, using the template (attached in Annex A), a list of all their specific fisheries or fleets that had any catch of North Pacific albacore in the Convention Area during 2007-2012; whether or not those fisheries are targeting North Pacific albacore;

and the average annual catch between 2007-2012 by gear type. In the case that a CPC cannot distinguish whether or not its catch of North Pacific albacore occurred in the Convention Area, it shall report its catch of North Pacific albacore in the entire North Pacific.

2. All CPCs shall report to the Director by December 1st, 2013, using a template attached in Annex B, a list of their fishing effort for those fisheries targeting North Pacific albacore. Fishing effort shall be reported in fishing days and number of vessels fishing for North Pacific albacore.
3. The Director shall direct the IATTC scientific staff to review the data template for its completeness and to assess the effectiveness of the current effort-based approach for managing North Pacific albacore and report their findings ninety (90) days prior to the 2014 annual meeting.
4. The Director and the IATTC scientific staff shall, in coordination with the ISC, monitor the status of North Pacific albacore tuna and report on the status of the stock at each annual meeting.
5. The IATTC scientific staff shall review work undertaken within the ISC and the WCPFC towards the development of a precautionary approach framework for North Pacific albacore that includes target and limit reference points and harvest control rules, and make recommendations in respect of such a framework for consideration by the Commission.
6. The Commission shall continue efforts to promote compatibility between the conservation and management measures adopted by the IATTC and the WCPFC in their goals and effectiveness with respect to North Pacific albacore.
7. The Director shall communicate this Resolution to the WCPFC Secretariat.

Annual catches of North Pacific albacore in the EPO

CPC:

| Year | Data pertain to IATTC Area only or entire North Pacific? | Fisheries with ANY catch of NP albacore | "Fishing for" NP albacore? (Y/N) | Annual catches |
|--|--|---|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 2007 | | | | |
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| Total catches: | | | | |
| Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| % of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| 2008 | | | | |
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| Total catches: | | | | |
| Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| % of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| 2009 | | | | |
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| Total catches: | | | | |
| Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| % of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| 2010 | | | | |
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| Total catches: | | | | |
| Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| % of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| 2011 | | | | |
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| Total catches: | | | | |
| Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| % of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| 2012 | | | | |
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| Total catches: | | | | |
| Catches in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |
| % of total catch in fisheries "fishing for" NP albacore: | | | | |

| CPC | Area ¹ | Fishery ² / gear type | 2002–2004 Average | | 2007 | | 2008 | | 2009 | | 2010 | | 2011 | | 2012 | |
|-----|-------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| | | | No. of vessels | Fishing days | No. of vessels | Fishing days | No. of vessels | Fishing days | No. of vessels | Fishing days | No. of vessels | Fishing days | No. of vessels | Fishing days | No. of vessels | Fishing days |
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¹ Data pertain to IATTC Convention Area only or entire North Pacific?

² Fisheries “fishing for” NP albacore