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SUBMITTED BY JAPAN

**DRAFT RESOLUTION RULES OF PROCEDURE REGARDING
TEMPORARY TRANSFER OF BIGEYE CATCH LIMIT BY LARGE
SCALE LONGLINES**

EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM

Goal: This draft resolution is to establish a procedure regarding temporary transfer of bigeye catch limit by large scale longline among Members and Cooperating non-Members of the Commission (hereinafter referred to as "CPCs").

Rationale: In order to ensure transparency, it is necessary for IATTC to establish a clear procedure for transfer of fishing opportunities such as catch limit and fishing capacity between CPCs. The 83rd Meeting of the Commission approved Resolution C-12-06, which has provided a procedure regarding vessel charters with temporary transfers of fishing capacity between purse seine CPCs. This draft resolution would provide a similar transfer procedure for catch limit of bigeye between large scale longline CPCs.

Others: Japan submitted this draft resolution at the 83rd Meeting of the Commission in June 2013. However, the draft resolution was deferred to the next meeting of the Commission for consideration and adoption due to time constraint at the 83rd Meeting. discussions for this purpose.

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The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in Veracruz, Mexico, on the occasion of its 85th Meeting:

Recognizing that a clear procedure regarding transfer of fishing opportunities such as fishing capacity and catch limit between CPCs is necessary to ensure transparency, and,

Taking into account of Resolution C-12-06 which provides a transfer procedure for fishing capacity between purse seine CPCs,

Agrees:

To adopt the following rules of procedure regarding temporary transfer of bigeye catch limit by large scale longlines:

1. The catch limit for bigeye by large scale tuna longline vessels may be temporarily transferred between CPCs.
2. Both CPCs involved in such transfer shall, separately or jointly, notify the Commission of the transfer. The notification shall specify the amount of transfer and the year subject to the transfer.
3. The CPC which receives the transfer shall be responsible for management of the transferred catch limit, including monitoring and monthly reporting of the catch.
4. The transferred catch limit may not be transferred again under any condition.