

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

37th MEETING OF THE PARTIES

San Diego, California (USA)

PROPOSAL MOP-37 A-3 ADDENDUM 1

SUBMITTED BY MEXICO

[AMENDMENTS TO RESOLUTION A-13-01]

RESOLUTION ON VESSEL ASSESSMENTS AND FINANCING

The Parties to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP):

Agree to implement Annex II.12 of the AIDCP as follows:

1. The assessments ~~for those vessels whose well volume has been provided to the Secretariat by 1 August of any given year~~ shall be based on the vessel's verified well volume as recorded on the IATTC Regional Register of Vessels and posted on the website of the Commission, taking into account that, in accordance with Resolution C-15-06 "*as of 1 January 2017 the well volume reflected on the Regional Vessel Register will be considered confirmed for vessels currently included in the Register. In the case of new vessels, the well volume notified at the time the vessel is added to the Register will be considered confirmed*".
- ~~2. The assessments for those vessels whose well volume has not been provided to the Secretariat by 1 August of any given year shall be based on the vessel's well volume as calculated by multiplying its carrying capacity, in metric tons, on the IATTC Regional Vessel Register by a factor of 1.4.~~
3. **[NEW 2]** All assessments for vessels required to carry observers under the provisions of the AIDCP shall be calculated at a rate of US\$ 14.95 per cubic meter of well volume.
- [NEW 3]** Assessments for IATTC Capacity Class 6 vessels that have, ~~including~~ sealed wells, ~~in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this~~ under Resolution C-12-08 shall be calculated on the basis of their total well volume, i.e. including sealed and non sealed wells.
- [NEW 4]** Assessments for vessels smaller than Class 6 that are required to carry an observer on board, either because they have sealed wells (Resolution C-12-08) or because they have been identified by the IRP to have committed a possible infraction by intentionally setting on dolphins (Resolution A-02-01), shall be the equivalent of the quota of a Class 6 vessel with the minimum capacity corresponding to its class (508 m³).
4. **[NEW 5]** Assessments for Class 6 vessels ~~with a carrying capacity greater than 363 metric tons (IATTC capacity class 6)~~ on the *Inactive and Sunk Purse-Seine Capacity List* of the Regional Register shall be calculated at a rate of US\$ 1.00 per cubic meter of well volume, in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Resolution.
- ~~5. For 2014 only, an extraordinary assessment of US\$ 2.00 per cubic meter of well volume shall be paid by all vessels of classes 1-6, both active and inactive. The income from this extraordinary assessment shall be retained by the Secretariat and used to reduce the current deficit of the AIDCP.~~
6. **[MOVED TO NEW 7]** All vessel assessments contemplated in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5, shall be paid by

~~December 1 of the preceding year, pursuant to paragraph 12(b) of Annex II of the AIDCP, regardless of whether the vessel has requested a DML for the following year.~~

7. **[NOW 6]** Assessments for any vessel fishing in the Agreement Area pursuant to paragraph 12 of IATTC *Resolution C-02-03 on the capacity of the tuna fleet operating in the eastern Pacific Ocean* shall be calculated on the basis of the rate established in paragraph 3 of this resolution, ~~and these assessments shall be paid before the vessel enters the Agreement Area to fish.~~
6. **[NOW 7]** All vessel assessments contemplated in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5, shall be paid by December 1 of the preceding year, pursuant to paragraph 12(b) of Annex II of the AIDCP, regardless of whether the vessel has requested a DML for the following year, ~~except in the case of vessels to which Resolution A-02-01 or Resolution C-02-03, paragraph 12, applies, for which assessments shall be paid before undertaking fishing activities in the EPO.~~
8. Any vessel assessment that has not been paid by the date specified in paragraph 6 shall be increased by an **annual surcharge** of 10% of the assessment, in addition to any sanction contemplated in Annex IV of the AIDCP.
9. ~~As agreed at previous meetings, the assessment for any vessel smaller than class 6 that must carry an observer because the IRP identified a possible infraction of setting on dolphins, in accordance with Resolution A-02-01, shall be computed on the basis of a capacity of 363 metric tons and the rate established in paragraph 3.~~
9. **[NEW]** This Resolution replaces Resolution A-13-01.