

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

74TH MEETING

BUSAN (KOREA)
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RESOLUTION C-06-02

**RESOLUTION FOR A PROGRAM ON THE CONSERVATION OF TUNA
IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN FOR 2007**

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Recognizing that, based on past experience in the fishery, the potential production from the resource can be reduced by excessive fishing effort;

Recalling the Resolution C-04-09 for a Multi-Annual Program on the Conservation of Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean for 2004, 2005 and 2006;

Taking into account the best scientific information available, as reflected in the recommendation of the staff and the report of the meeting of the Working Group on Stock Assessments in May 2006;

Considering that the studies of yellowfin and bigeye tuna presented at this meeting show that bigeye stocks are below the level that would produce the average maximum sustainable yield (AMSY) and that yellowfin stocks will decline below the AMSY level unless additional management measures are applied; and

Recognizing the importance of urging the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission to adopt appropriate measures to conserve the tuna stocks in that region;

Resolves as follows:

1. That this resolution is applicable in 2007 to purse-seine vessels fishing for yellowfin, bigeye, and skipjack tunas, and to longline vessels.
2. Pole-and-line and sportfishing vessels are not subject to this resolution.
3. That the fishery for tunas by purse-seine vessels in the EPO, defined as the area bounded by the coastline of the Americas, the 40°N parallel, the 150°W meridian, and the 40°S parallel, shall for 2007 be closed from either (1) 0000 hours on 1 August to 2400 hours on 11 September; or (2) from 0000 hours on 20 November to 2400 hours on 31 December.
4. Each IATTC Party, cooperating non-party, fishing entity or regional economic integration organization (collectively "CPCs") shall for each year concerned, choose which of the two specified periods will be closed to purse-seine fishing by all of its vessels, and notify the Director by 15 July. All the vessels of a national fleet must stop purse-seine fishing during the period selected.
5. Every vessel that fishes in 2007, regardless of the flag under which it operates or whether it changes flag during the year, must observe the closure period to which it committed on 15 July of each year.
6. To prohibit landings, transshipments and commercial transactions in tuna or tuna products that have been positively identified as originating from fishing activities that contravene this resolution. The Director may provide relevant information to the Parties to assist them in this regard. The Commission shall develop transparent and non-discriminatory criteria and procedures to adopt trade restrictive measures consistent with international law and the provisions of the World Trade Organization to promote compliance in the EPO.
7. Each CPCs shall, for purse-seine fisheries:

- 7.1. No later than 45 days before the date of entry into force of a closure:
- 7.1.1. take the legal and administrative measures necessary to implement the closure;
 - 7.1.2. inform all interested parties in its national tuna industry of the closure;
 - 7.1.3. inform the Director that these steps have been taken.
- 7.2. Ensure that at the time the closures begins, and for the entire duration of the closures, all purse-seine vessels fishing for yellowfin, bigeye and skipjack tunas flying its flag in the EPO are in port, except that vessels carrying an observer from the AIDCP On-Board Observer Program may remain at sea provided they do not fish in the EPO. The only other exception to this provision shall be that vessels carrying an observer from the AIDCP On-Board Observer Program may leave port during the closure, provided they do not fish in the EPO.
8. China, Japan, Korea, and Chinese Taipei, shall take the measures necessary to ensure that their total annual longline catch of bigeye tuna in the EPO during 2007 will not exceed the following catch levels.

China	2,639 metric tons
Japan	34,076 metric tons
Korea	12,576 metric tons
Chinese Taipei	7,953 metric tons

- Other CPCs shall take the measures necessary to ensure that their total annual longline catch of bigeye tuna in the EPO during 2007 will not exceed 500 metric tons or their respective 2001 catch levels, whichever is higher.¹ CPCs whose annual catches have exceeded 500 metric tons shall provide monthly catch reports to the Director.
9. The IATTC Scientific Working Group will analyze, in 2007, the effect of these measures on the stocks, and will propose, if necessary, appropriate measures to the Commission to be applied in 2008 and thereafter for its consideration.
10. Each CPC shall comply with this resolution.
11. This resolution replaces Resolution C-04-09.

¹ The Parties acknowledge that France, as a coastal State, is developing a tuna longline fleet on behalf of its overseas territories situated in the EPO.