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**102<sup>ND</sup> MEETING**

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**PROPOSAL IATTC-102 D-2**

**SUBMITTED BY JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, CHINESE TAIPEI AND  
MEXICO**

**PROPOSAL ON A RESOLUTION ON MONITORING AND CONTROL  
MEASURES FOR THE BLUEFIN TUNA FISHERY IN THE EPO**

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM**

Japan proposes a new framework to strengthen monitoring, control and surveillance measures (MCS measures) for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries and farming, in order to ensure the proper implementation of the conservation and management measure of Pacific bluefin tuna established by Resolution C-21-05.

The proposed framework consists of two components: 1) reporting requirements on the implementation of MCS measures that have been taken by each CPC, and 2) establishment of review process by the joint IATTC-WCPFC NC Working Group of the reports submitted by CCMs to consider necessary revisions of the relevant Resolutions with a view to enhancing harmonized MCS measures for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries and farms.

*The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered on the occasion of its 102<sup>nd</sup> Meeting:*

*Taking into account that the stock of Pacific bluefin tuna is caught in both the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) and the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO);*

*Recalling the outcomes of the 9<sup>th</sup> session of Joint IATTC-WCPFC Northern Committee (NC) Working Group meetings;*

*Noting that, Resolution C-21-05 establishes measures for the conservation and management of Pacific bluefin tuna including biennial catch limit of Pacific bluefin tuna,*

*Resolves as follows:*

1. Each CPC that has Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries and/or farming shall report to the Executive Secretary by 15 June each year on the implementation of its monitoring and control measures it has taken in the previous calendar year to ensure its compliance with Resolution C-21-05 that include the following components:

(1) Monitoring and control measures for fisheries

- a. Registration of commercial fishing vessels and set nets that are authorized to fish for Pacific bluefin tuna
- b. Allocation of catch limits by fishery within the CCMs, as appropriate
- c. Reporting requirements for catches for fisheries (targeted, incidental, and discards)
- d. Measures to monitor catch (e.g. landing receipts, landing inspection, observer program, etc.)
- e. Measures to monitor domestic transactions

(2) Monitoring and control measures for farming

- a. Registration of farms that are authorized to farm Pacific bluefin tuna
- b. Reporting requirements for caging of fish
- c. Reporting requirements for harvest of farmed fish
- d. Measures to monitor farmed fish (e.g. stereovideo camera)

2. The Joint IATTC-WCPFC NC Working Group shall review the implementation of monitoring, control and surveillance measures reported by CPCs in accordance with paragraph 1 and the outcomes of the review shall be reported to the IATTC for their consideration on necessary revisions of IATTC Resolution on measures for the conservation and management of Pacific bluefin tuna.