

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON FLEET CAPACITY
12TH MEETING

DEL MAR, CALIFORNIA (USA)
23 - 24 OCTOBER 2011

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Permanent Working Group on Fleet Capacity:

Taking into account that the Plan for Regional Management of Fishing Capacity adopted in 2005 still needs further actions to be fully implemented;

Considering the importance that the issue of capacity development represents for the coastal and developing States of the Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO);

Given the need to establish in the most expeditious way a new comprehensive plan based on an holistic approach to capacity management in the IATTC Convention Area;

Considering the importance of fishing for highly migratory fish stocks as a source of food, employment and economic benefits for the populations of the Members, and that conservation and management measures must address those needs and take into account economic and social impacts;

Keeping in mind the recommendations adopted at its 11th meeting in April 2011, which were endorsed by the Commission;

Agrees and recommends:

1. To ask the Commission staff, in coordination with the Scientific Advisory Committee, to provide to the next meeting of the Commission in 2012, in order of priority, on the basis of the status of the tuna stocks:
 - (a) an update of its analysis of the target capacity the target capacity of the purse-seine fleets;
 - (b) an analysis of the target capacity for the longline fleets; and
 - (c) as far as possible, an analysis of the target capacity of any other fishing fleet
2. To reiterate to the Commission that it is necessary that concrete measures be adopted that include a comprehensive vision, in order to prevent negative effects caused by increases of the active fishing capacity in the EPO, of the causes and effects of overexploitation of the tuna stocks, including all types of fishing gears, taking into account the effects of each fishing gear on the tuna stocks;
3. That the Commission consider and approve, during its next meeting in 2012, the draft rules of procedure regarding capacity loans or concessions and for chartering of vessels with temporary transfer of capacity, which are contained in the document produced at this meeting of the Working Group;
4. That the Commission convene a two-day meeting of the Working Group prior to the meeting of the Commission in 2012, and consider, if necessary, establishing an *ad hoc* working group;
5. To convene, before the next meeting of the Commission in 2012, a regional workshop on vessel buy-backs;
6. In coordination with the Director and with his support, to finalize during the intersessional period the terms of reference and other instruments necessary for the establishment of the non-binding *ad hoc* groups of experts for the settlement of the current disputes regarding capacity, so as to allow such dis-

putes to be resolved definitively in a reasonable and peremptory period;

7. To resolve, by the next meeting of the Commission in 2012 at the latest, the pending requests for capacity that were submitted during the 11th meeting of the Working Group in April 2011;
8. That the special needs of developing and coastal States regarding the development of their own fisheries be attended to and given priority.