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**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT FOR NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH RECOVERY PROGRAM**

The 1995 SCRS report on north Atlantic swordfish indicates that the 1994 biomass is 68 % of what it should be to produce maximum sustainable yield. The SCRS also noted that a range of management strategies could be implemented to allow stock recovery and that more specific recommendations could be developed if the Commission provides the SCRS with more precise statements of its objectives, including the time frame in which they are to be achieved and with what degree of certainty they are to be achieved.

Therefore,

**THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION  
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT) RESOLVES:**

That the SCRS develop at its 1996 meeting alternative recovery options for north Atlantic swordfish, and that the SCRS calculate one or more series of annual TACs based on stock projections that are needed for rebuilding the stock to levels that will support maximum sustainable yield (MSY) levels with a 50 % probability within 5, 10, and 15 years.