

- RECOMMENDATION -
SUPPLEMENTAL MEASURES, E. ATLANTIC BLUEFIN:
MEDITERRANEAN CLOSED SEASON

**TITLE: *Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT on East Atlantic Bluefin Tuna
Concerning the Mediterranean Closed Season***
(Entered into force: **August 4, 1997**)

CONSIDERING the efforts made by Contracting Parties to reduce the catches of bluefin tuna, in accordance with the Recommendations adopted by the Commission in 1994 and 1995.

CONSIDERING the necessity to take measures regarding the gears used during periods when their impact is most notable on juveniles and spawners;

RECALLING the Recommendation adopted by the Commission in 1993 prohibiting the fishing of bluefin tuna by large longliners, in order to protect the spawners during the spawning period in June and July;

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

FIRST: prohibiting purse seine fishing in the Mediterranean Sea during the period from August 1 to 31.

SECOND: prohibiting of the use of airplanes or helicopters supporting fishing operations in the Mediterranean Sea in the month of June.

This Recommendation is supplemental to the regulatory measures currently in effect for Atlantic bluefin tuna in the Mediterranean Sea.