

- RECOMMENDATION -
SUPPLEMENTAL RECOMMENDATION: CATCHES
OF NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH FOR 1998 AND 1999

**TITLE: *Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Catches
of North Atlantic Swordfish for 1998 and 1999***
(Entered into force: **June 13, 1998**)

RECOGNIZING that the Commission, at its Tenth Special Meeting (San Sebastian, 1996), set a Total Allowable Catch (TAC) and quota shares for north Atlantic swordfish for 1997, 1998 and 1999;

RECOGNIZING that 6% of the TAC for each of these years was set aside for those without specific quotas;

GIVEN that the TAC is decreasing in each of these years in recognition of the scientific advice provided by the SCRS;

NOTING that overall catches by those without specific quotas have been increasing in recent years;

NOTING that those with specific quotas have significantly reduced their overall catch since 1993.

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

- 1 Contracting Parties, non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities, without specific quotas of swordfish in the north Atlantic reduce their catch for 1998 and 1999 by 45% of their 1996 catch levels as reported by the Standing Committee on Research & Statistics (SCRS) at its 1997 meeting with the following exception;
 - a) those with 1996 catch levels below 100 MT shall not increase their catch above their 1996 level as reported by the SCRS at its 1997 meeting.
- 2 Contracting Parties, non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities without any reported catch in 1996 refrain from developing any directed swordfish fishery in the north Atlantic in 1998 or 1999.
- 3 The domestic fishery in the U.K. dependent territory of Bermuda be allocated a quota of 28 MT of north Atlantic swordfish for the year 1997; and decreasing, on a fixed percentage basis during 1998 and 1999, in accordance with the Recommendation adopted at the Tenth Special Meeting of the Commission.