

- RECOMMENDATION -
REGISTRATION & EXCHANGE OF INFO. ON BET VESSELS

**TITLE: *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Registration and Exchange
of Information on Bigeye Tuna Fishing Vessels***
(Entered into force: **June 21, 1999**)

NOTING paragraph 2. in the "Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning Juvenile Bigeye Tuna and Fishing Fleet Size", adopted by the Commission in 1997;

RECOGNIZING the need to maintain registration of bigeye tuna fishing vessels and to develop measures to prevent the fishing operations by unregistered vessels;

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

- 1 All contracting Parties and Cooperating non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities fishing for bigeye tuna in the Convention Area shall submit the ICCAT Executive Secretary, by August 31st each year, the list of their respective vessels larger than 24 meters length overall (LOA) with the exclusion of recreational fishing boats, that fish for bigeye tuna in the Convention Area. This list of vessels shall include the following information;
 - name of vessels, register number
 - previous flag (if any)
 - international radio call sign (if any)
 - type of vessel, length and gross registered tonnage (GRT)
 - name and address of owner (s)
- 2 The ICCAT Executive Secretary shall circulate the lists annually or upon request of a Contracting Party or Parties.
- 3 The Contracting Parties and Cooperating non-contracting parties, entities or fishing entities shall notify the ICCAT Executive Secretary of any information concerning fishing vessels which are not listed according to paragraph 1, but believed to be fishing for bigeye tuna in the Convention Area.
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 - a) If the vessel(s) mentioned in paragraph 3 is flying a flag of a Contracting Party or a non-contracting party, entity or fishing entity, the Executive Secretary shall inform the Contracting Party or non-contracting party, entity or fishing entity to take necessary measures to prevent the vessels(s) from fishing for bigeye tuna in the Convention Area.
 - b) If the flag state of the vessel(s) mentioned in paragraph 3 is non identified, the Executive Secretary shall compile such information for future consideration by the Commission.