00-14 COMPLY

- RECOMMENDATION COMPLIANCE WITH MEASURES THAT DEFINE QUOTAS AND/OR CATCH LIMITS

TITLE: Recommendation by ICCAT Regarding Compliance with Management Measures Which Define Quotas and/or Catch Limits (Entered into force: June 26, 2001)

RECOGNIZING that the Recommendation Regarding Compliance in the Bluefin Tuna and North Atlantic Swordfish Fisheries was adopted at the 1996 Commission meeting and it was extended to include compliance in the South Atlantic swordfish fishery at the 1997 Commission meeting;

NOTING the treatment of overage and underage differs among the stocks and this complicates quota management and compliance;

RECOGNIZING the need to simplify the rules by generalizing the treatment of overage and underage to avoid future confusion;

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

For any species under quota/catch limit management, underages/overages from one year may be added to/must be subtracted from the quota/catch limit of the management period immediately after or one year after that year, unless any recommendation on a stock specifically deals with overages/underages, in which case that recommendation will take precedence.