

- RECOMMENDATION -
N. ATLANTIC ALBACORE CATCH LIMITS

TITLE: *Recommendation by ICCAT on North Atlantic
Albacore Catch Limits*

(Entered into force: **August 21, 2002**)

CONSIDERING that, to maintain the stability of the spawning stock biomass of northern albacore, the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS) recommends that catches do not exceed their current level of 34,500 MT;

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

1. The establishment of a total allowable catch (TAC) of:

34,500 MT for 2002

2. This catch limit will be allocated among the ICCAT Contracting Parties according to the following table:

<i>Party</i>	<i>2002 Quota</i>
European Community	28,712 MT
United States	607 MT
TOTAL	29,319 MT

3. With the exception of Japan, Contracting Parties other than those mentioned in paragraph 2 above will limit their catches to 200 MT.
4. Japan will endeavor to limit its total northern albacore catches to a maximum of 4% in weight of its bigeye tuna longline catch in the Atlantic Ocean.
5. For the Non-contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities, the catch limit for 2002 will be 4,459 MT**
6. All underages or overage of the quota/annual catch limit of northern albacore should be deducted from or added to the quota/catch limit for the year 2003 and/or 2004.
7. The 1998 *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Limitation of Fishing Capacity on Northern Albacore* remains in force.

1. This total includes a special allocation for Chinese Taipei of 4,453 MT, since it has Cooperating status.