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**RESOLUTION BY ICCAT ON FISHING FOR
BLUEFIN TUNA IN THE ATLANTIC OCEAN**

RECALLING that a Working Group to Develop Integrated and Coordinated Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Management Strategies will be held in 2003, and;

BEING CONCERNED about a possible adverse effect of a large shift of fishing effort in the Atlantic on future bluefin tuna conservation programs:

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

For 2003 and 2004, Contracting Parties, Cooperating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities should not increase their catch by large-scale tuna longline vessels from the 1999/2000 level in the area north of 10 degrees N, and between 30 degrees W and 45 degrees W.