

**RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT  
ON BLUEFIN TUNA SIZE LIMIT**

*TAKING INTO ACCOUNT* the concerns expressed by the SCRS on the continued high level of under-sized catches of bluefin tuna,

*CONSCIOUS* of the need to contribute to the objectives of the *Recommendation by ICCAT to Develop a Plan Aimed at Reducing the Catches of Juvenile Bluefin Tuna in the Mediterranean* [Rec. 02-09] to reduce the catches of under-sized bluefin tuna,

*IN ORDER* to ensure adequate enforcement and monitoring of the minimum size of bluefin tuna in the East Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea,

THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION  
OF ATLANTIC TUNAS RECOMMENDS THAT:

- 1 Contracting Parties and Co-operating non-Contracting Parties, Entities or Fishing Entities (CPCs) shall take the necessary measures to prohibit the catch, the retaining on board, landing and/or transshipment of any bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus*) weighing less than 10 kg in the Mediterranean Sea.
- 2 In the East Atlantic and the Mediterranean Sea, CPCs shall take the necessary measures to prohibit the catch, the retaining on board, the landing, the transshipment and the sale of any bluefin tuna under the minimum applicable size. No tolerance shall be granted.
- 3 The second and third sub-paragraphs of operative paragraph 9 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning a Multi-year Conservation and Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the East Atlantic and Mediterranean* [Rec. 02-08], as well as the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning a Limit on Bluefin Tuna Size and Fishing Mortality* [Rec. 74-01] and the *Recommendation by ICCAT on a Supplemental Management Measure Concerning Age Zero Bluefin Tuna* [Rec. 97-02], are repealed.