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

NOTING that the terms of the 2002 Resolution by ICCAT on Fishing for Bluefin Tuna in the Atlantic Ocean [Res. 02-12] end in 2004 if no action is taken to extend the measure,

ACKNOWLEDGING continuing concern about the possible adverse effect of a large shift of fishing effort in the Atlantic on future bluefin tuna conservation programs,

CONSIDERING that the next assessment of Atlantic bluefin tuna is scheduled for 2005,

COGNIZANT of the ongoing work of the Bluefin Tuna Working Group charged with developing integrated and coordinated Atlantic bluefin tuna management strategies,

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

The Resolution by ICCAT on Fishing for Bluefin Tuna in the Atlantic Ocean [Res. 02-12] be amended by replacing the entire operative paragraph with the following:

For 2003, 2004, and 2005, 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.