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SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATION BY ICCAT CONCERNING THE CONSERVATION OF SHARKS CAUGHT IN ASSOCIATION WITH FISHERIES MANAGED BY ICCAT

NOTING that the SCRS has stated that previous reviews of the shark database resulted in recommendations to improve the data reporting for sharks and that a large improvement in the quantity and quality of the overall shark catch statistics has not yet resulted; and

CONSIDERING that three years have elapsed since the last assessment, the limited improvement achieved in the provision of shark data to ICCAT since then, as well as the acute need to convene a data processing workshop prior to the next stock assessment.

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

1. Paragraph 7 of the *Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Conservation of Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries Managed by ICCAT* [Rec. 04-10], is amended to read:

"SCRS shall conduct stock assessments of, and recommend management alternatives for, shortfin mako (*Isurus oxyrinchus*) and blue sharks (*Prionace glauca*) in time for consideration at the 2008 annual meeting of the Commission. A data preparatory meeting will be held in 2007 to review all relevant data on biological parameters, catch, effort, discards, and trade, including historical data. Parties should submit all relevant data sufficiently in advance of the meeting to allow the SCRS adequate time to review and incorporate the data into the assessment."