

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE 60TH MEETING

**La Jolla, California, USA
February 7, 1998**

The 60th meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) was held in La Jolla, California, USA, on February 7, 1998. The meeting began immediately after the adjournment of the 35th Intergovernmental Meeting.

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michael F. Tillman, Commissioner of the United States, on February 7, 1998, at 4:15 a.m. Dr. Tillman stated that the purpose of the meeting was to consider the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program, which had been recently negotiated by representatives of the nations attending the 35th Intergovernmental Meeting. After briefly reviewing the Agreement, he noted that the parties concerned had requested the assistance of the IATTC in administering the program. After a brief discussion, the member governments agreed to request that the Director of the IATTC perform the functions necessary to implementation of the Agreement. A resolution to accomplish this (Appendix) was unanimously approved.

Dr. Tillman adjourned the meeting on February 7, 1998, at 4:30 a.m.

Appendix.

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RESOLUTION

REGARDING THE AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

Recalling the resolution adopted during the Special Meeting of the IATTC held in La Jolla, California, on April 21-23, 1992;

Recalling also the Declaration of Panama, adopted on October 5, 1995:

1. *Welcomes* the adoption by the 35th Intergovernmental Meeting of the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program, attached as Appendix to this Resolution;
2. *Invites* States that are eligible to become Parties to the Agreement to do so, and to implement the Agreement at the earliest opportunity;
3. *Requests* the Director to perform the functions relating to implementation of the Agreement set forth in the Agreement, and such other functions as may be necessary to prepare for the entry into force of the Agreement; and
4. *Calls upon* States not presently members of the IATTC which have purse-seine vessels fishing for tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean, to become members of the IATTC.