INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

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PROPOSAL IATTC-100 I-1

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AMENDMENT TO PARAGRAPHS 13 AND 14.e.ii OF RESOLUTION C-21-04

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), on the occasion of it 100th Meeting:

Aware of its responsibility for the scientific study of the tunas and tuna-like species in its Convention Area and for formulating recommendations to its Members and Cooperating Non-Members (CPCs) with regard to these resources;

Recognizing the need to ensure that the management measures adopted conform to technical rigor, oriented to management objectives, based on the best scientific information available;

Taking into account the best scientific information available, reflected in the IATTC staff's recommendations, and the precautionary approach;

Recalling the need to ensure that the implementation of management measures does not impose unnecessary burdens or obligations that may disrupt the logistics of fishing activities;

Recognizing that the information on closure periods that CPCs are required to submit to the Director has traditionally been by **15 July** of each year, which is a timely date prior to the start of the agreed closure periods and relevant for planning by each CPC;

Agrees:

To amend paragraphs 13 and 14.e.ii of Resolution C-21-04, so that hereafter it reads:

"13. a. For each one of the closure periods stipulated in paragraph 3 of this Resolution, each CPC shall notify the Director, by <u>June15 July</u> of each year, the names of all the purse-seine vessels that will observe that closure period, also identifying those that must observe additional closure days pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution.

b. Every vessel that fishes, regardless of the flag under which it operates or whether it changes flag or the jurisdiction of the CPC under which it fishes during the year, must observe the closure period to which it was committed."

"14. e. ii. in the event said vessel has already observed a closure period prescribed in paragraph 3 in the same year during which the *force majeure* event occurred, it shall observe a reduced closure period of 40 consecutive days the following year, in one of the two periods prescribed in paragraph 3, to be notified to the Director by the CPC no later than **1 June 15 July** of that year."