

August 3, 2021

TO: Heads of Delegation, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

Dear Delegate:

As organizations concerned with the conservation of tuna stocks in the IATTC area of jurisdiction, we were pleased with the positive and constructive discussions that took place during the Extraordinary virtual session of the Commission that was held from June 7-10, 2021. Further, we note that multiple proposals with common elements were submitted and discussed to address the management of yellowfin and bigeye tunas in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

The concerned organizations undersigned here strongly urge all IATTC members to build on the momentum from the Extraordinary Meeting discussions and engage in concerted intercessional consultations this month to build consensus. It is of utmost importance that in August the Commission **adopts, without any further delay, a multi-annual conservation and management measure for yellowfin and bigeye tunas that is precautionary and based on scientific advice, which effectively limits fishing pressure and includes additional measures to monitor and manage the use of FADs.**

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

