

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

RESOLUTION ON VESSELS OF LESS THAN 363 MT CAPACITY

10 October 2002

The Parties to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP):

In light of the concern of the Parties regarding the ability or practice of some vessels of less than 363 metric tons carrying capacity of setting purse-seine nets on dolphins, in contravention of the AIDCP, and notwithstanding the exercise the Parties are undertaking to modify the requirements for carrying observers based on vessel size;

Hereby agree:

1. To immediately require those purse-seine vessels of less than 363 metric tons carrying capacity flying their flags that have been identified by the IRP to have committed a possible infraction by intentionally setting on dolphins since the entry into force of this resolution to carry observers;
2. Such vessels shall be subject to the relevant provisions of the AIDCP concerning observers, including the provisions of Annex II;
3. This resolution shall enter into force upon its adoption, and shall be implemented by the respective Parties at the start of the next fishing trip by the subject vessels following their identification per paragraph 1.
4. The Parties, through the IRP, shall review any request by a Party to consider that a change in circumstances, such as a change of ownership or flag or the result of legal processes arising from a possible infraction, of a vessel identified per paragraph 1 warrants a decision that the vessel should no longer be required to carry an observer, without prejudice to any future decisions of the IRP regarding the vessel.