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**AMENDMENT OF TUNA TRACKING SYSTEM AND CERTIFICATION
PROCEDURES**

It has come to the attention of the Secretariat that, under the current *System for Tracking and Verifying Tuna* (System) and *Procedures for AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna Certification* (Procedures), tuna caught by a vessel without a DML which sets on dolphins could be considered dolphin safe. This is not a hypothetical problem: in 2002 some of the tuna caught by a vessel fishing on dolphins without a DML was recorded as dolphin safe on the Tuna Tracking Form for that trip.

If the Parties agree that such tuna should not be considered dolphin safe, this problem could be remedied by adding a new paragraph to the end of Section 2, GENERAL, of the *System*, as follows:

"Notwithstanding the definition of dolphin-safe tuna established in this document, any tuna caught in sets in which dolphins were intentionally encircled by vessels without a DML or whose captain is not on the List of Qualified Captains maintained by the Secretariat, shall not be considered to be dolphin safe."

Further, the *Procedures* could be modified by amending paragraph 2.f. as follows:

"~~[For vessels with DMLs,]~~Only tuna caught by vessels with a DML and with a captain on the List of Qualified Captains maintained by the Secretariat shall be eligible to receive the *AIDCP Dolphin Safe Certificate*. This provision shall not apply to those vessels authorized to fish in the Agreement Area that do not have a DML and that do not fish for tunas associated with dolphins."