

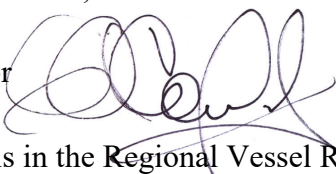
# COMISION INTERAMERICANA DEL ATUN TROPICAL INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMISSION

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cc: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia

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Re: Closure periods – New vessels in the Regional Vessel Register

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Taking into account the concerns expressed by several members on various past occasions as well as the need to improve the implementation of the relevant provisions of the applicable resolutions, it is proposed to introduce the following adjustment in the practice of the Commission and its Secretariat regarding the observation of the closure periods by new vessels<sup>i</sup> in the Regional Vessel Register:

Excepting when replacing a vessel that has chosen to observe the second period of closure, a new vessel that is entered in the Register during or after the first period of closure will be considered as having observed that closure when:

- it replaces a vessel that has already observed the first period of closure;
- it is entered in the Register with a full allocation of previously available capacity or with the capacity of another vessel or other vessels listed as inactive/sunk, and starts fishing only after the end of the first period of closure.

In the absence of any objection, these principles will guide the Secretariat from now on in the implementation of the periods of closure.

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<sup>i</sup> "New vessels" means vessels that are included for the first time in the Register or reincluded after their removal from the Register.