## AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

## **RULES OF CONFIDENTIALITY**

## June 2001 (amended)

- 1. The following information associated with the responsibilities and activities of the On-Board Observer Program, and with the activities of the Secretariat in connection with the *AIDCP Dolphin Safe* Certification procedures, shall be treated as confidential:
  - a. Records of vessel position, catches, type of set, and incidental dolphin mortality of individual vessels and/or companies.
  - b. Information relating to unloadings or trade which is associated with individual vessels and/or companies, including Tuna Tracking Forms (TTFs) for those vessels.
  - c. Any information revealing the fishing areas and strategies used by individual vessels or groups of vessels, and their catches.
  - d. The names and flags of vessels and the names and addresses of individuals associated with receiving a Dolphin Mortality Limit (DML) or any other information that could allow the determination of whether a vessel has a DML.
  - e. The name and flag of fishing vessels of Parties to the AIDCP for which possible infractions of the AIDCP have been identified.
  - f. The names of captains on the List of Qualified Captains, and thus eligible to direct fishing operations on vessels with DMLs.
  - g. Information identified by country on incidental dolphin mortality or captain performance unless the country in question approves the release of such information.
- 2. All information collected by the On-Board Observer Program, or by the Secretariat in connection with the *AIDCP Dolphin Safe* Certification procedures, shall be made available to the government under whose jurisdiction the vessel operates.
- 3. These Confidentiality Rules shall apply to all meetings and working documents of the AIDCP and any subsidiary bodies or working groups associated with the AIDCP, including the International Review Panel.
- 4. Confidential information may be presented at a meeting when the Meeting of the Parties so decides, and in such cases all attendees shall sign a Confidentiality Agreement stating that such information which is identified as confidential will not be revealed to anyone without the consent of the meeting.
- 5. The minutes of all meetings shall be made public, but shall not include confidential information.
- 6. All data presented to meetings by flag shall include information for all flags separately regardless of the number of vessels operating under that flag.
- 7. These rules do not apply to information about non-Parties.