

## Resolutions pursuant to the 2000 Action Plan

1. Decision regarding Cambodia, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea pursuant to the 2000 Action plan (*adopted at the Eight Annual Meeting – 15-19 October 2001*)
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3. Decision regarding Indonesia pursuant to the 2000 Action plan (*adopted at the Eight Annual Meeting – 15-19 October 2001*)
4. Decision regarding Belize pursuant to the 2000 Action plan (*adopted at the Ninth Annual Meeting – 15-18 October 2002*)

## **DECISION REGARDING CAMBODIA, HONDURAS AND EQUATORIAL GUINEA PURSUANT TO THE 2000 ACTION PLAN**

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (the Commission),

*Recalling* that the Commission has recognised that cooperation by Cambodia, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea is necessary for the effective conservation and management of SBT;

*Recalling also* that the Commission has since 1996 sought to establish cooperative arrangements with Cambodia, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea to ensure the proper conservation and management of the SBT stock;

*Noting* the adoption by the Commission of the Action Plan on non-members in March 2000;

*Noting also* the decision in April 2001 to identify Cambodia, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Action Plan as non-members the vessels of which have been fishing for SBT in a manner which diminishes the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT;

*Considering* that the Commission has written to Cambodia, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea on several occasions formally requesting that they rectify their fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT and to advise the Commission of actions taken in that regard;

*Considering also* that there has been no response from Cambodia and Equatorial Guinea to the request by the Commission, and a limited response, but no action from Honduras;

*Expressing concern* that the fishing activities of these non-members continues to undermine the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT;

DECIDES as follows:

1. That Cambodia, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea be identified pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Action Plan, as non-members which have not rectified their fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.
2. To instruct the Executive Secretary to write to Cambodia, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea on behalf of the Commission, informing these non-members of the decision of the Commission to identify them under paragraph 5 of the Action Plan, and again request that they take action to cooperate with the Commission and rectify their fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT.

3. To also instruct the Executive Secretary to inform these non-members that unless the Commission receives a satisfactory response to its latest request prior to its next annual meeting, the Commission will consider imposing trade-restrictive measures, which avoid arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade, to prevent non-members from continuing to conduct fishing activities which diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT.

4. That at its next annual meeting, the Commission shall decide on appropriate measures, consistent with paragraph 6 of the Action Plan, which may include prohibiting the import of SBT and its products in any form from Cambodia, Honduras and Equatorial Guinea, unless the Commission decides at that meeting or before, that these non-members have taken appropriate action to ensure that their fishing activities do not diminish conservation and management measures for SBT.

## **DECISION REGARDING BELIZE PURSUANT TO THE 2000 ACTION PLAN**

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (the Commission),

*Recalling* that the Commission has recognised that the cooperation of Belize is necessary to ensure the effective conservation and management of SBT;

*Recalling also* that the Commission has since 1996 sought to establish cooperative arrangements with Belize to ensure the proper conservation and management of the SBT stock;

*Noting* the adoption by the Commission of the Action Plan on non-members in March 2000;

*Noting further* the decision in April 2001 to identify Belize pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Action Plan as a non-member the vessels of which have been fishing for SBT in a manner which diminishes the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT;

*Considering* that the Commission has written to Belize on repeated occasions formally requesting that it rectify its fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT and to advise the Commission of actions taken in that regard;

*Considering also* that there has been a limited response from Belize indicating some willingness to cooperate with the Commission, but that it is unable to provide information on fishing vessels until domestic measures are put into place to collect such information;

*Expressing concern* that the fishing activities of Belize continue to undermine the effectiveness of internationally agreed conservation and management measures for SBT;

DECIDES as follows:

1. To instruct the Executive Secretary to write to Belize on behalf of the Commission, again informing Belize that it has been identified as a non-member the vessels of which fish for SBT in a manner which diminishes the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Action Plan and request that it take action to rectify its fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT, and to inform the Commission of actions taken in that regard.
2. To also instruct the Executive Secretary to inform Belize that unless the Commission receives a satisfactory response to its latest request prior to its next annual meeting, the Commission will identify it pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Action Plan as a non-member which has not rectified its fishing activities, with a view to imposing measures pursuant to paragraph 6 of the Action Plan, including trade-restrictive measures which avoid arbitrary or unjustifiable

discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade, to prevent non-members from continuing to conduct fishing activities which diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT.

3. At its next annual meeting, the Commission shall identify Belize as a non-member that has not rectified its fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Action Plan, and shall decide upon appropriate measures, consistent with paragraph 6 of the Action Plan, which may include prohibiting the import of SBT and its products in any form from Belize, unless the Commission decides at that meeting or before, that Belize has taken appropriate actions to ensure that fishing activities do not diminish conservation and management measures for SBT.

## DECISION REGARDING INDONESIA PURSUANT TO THE 2000 ACTION PLAN

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (the Commission),

*Noting* that the Commission has recognised that the cooperation of Indonesia is essential to ensure the effective conservation and management of SBT;

*Welcoming* recent indications that Indonesia would join the Commission;

*Recognising* that Indonesia exercises jurisdiction and control over waters that contain important parts of the SBT spawning grounds;

*Noting further* the adoption by the Commission of the Action Plan on non-members in March 2000;

*Recalling* that the Commission has repeatedly sought the cooperation of Indonesia as a non-member whose vessels fish for SBT to ensure the effective conservation and management of SBT;

*Gravely concerned* that fishing activities within Indonesian waters are diminishing the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT and that no action has been taken to rectify such activities;

DECIDES as follows:

1. That Indonesia be identified, pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Action Plan, as a non-member the vessels of which have been catching SBT in a manner which diminishes the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT.
2. To instruct the Executive Secretary to write to Indonesia on behalf of the Commission informing Indonesia of the decision to identify it under paragraph 2 of the Action Plan, and to again request Indonesia to cooperate with the Commission and rectify its fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT, and to advise the Commission of actions taken in that regard prior to the next annual session of the Commission.
3. To instruct the Executive Secretary to again urge Indonesia to take measures to prevent fishing activities in waters that contain important parts of the SBT spawning grounds and to take appropriate measures to ensure that SBT Statistical Documents are completed in accordance with the requirements of the Trade Information Scheme adopted by the Commission in November 1999 that came into operation on 1 June 2000.

## **DECISION REGARDING BELIZE PURSUANT TO THE 2000 ACTION PLAN**

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (the Commission),

*Recalling* that the Commission has recognised that cooperation by Belize is necessary for the effective conservation and management of SBT;

*Recalling also* that the Commission has since 1996 sought to establish cooperative arrangements with Belize to ensure the proper conservation and management of the SBT stock;

*Noting* the adoption by the Commission of the Action Plan on non-members in March 2000;

*Noting also* the decision of April 2001, reinforced in October 2001, to identify Belize pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Action Plan as a non-member the vessels of which have been fishing for SBT in a manner which diminishes the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT;

*Considering* that the Commission has written to Belize formally requesting that it rectify its fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT and to advise the Commission of actions taken in that regard;

*Considering also* that there has been a limited response from Belize indicating some willingness to cooperate with the Commission, but that it is unable to provide information on fishing vessels until domestic measures are put in place to collect such information;

*Expressing concern* that the fishing activities of Belize continue to undermine the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT;

DECIDES as follows:

1. That Belize be identified pursuant to paragraph 5 of the Action Plan, as a non-member which has not rectified its fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.
2. To instruct the Executive Secretary to write to Belize on behalf of the Commission, informing it of the decision of the Commission to identify Belize under paragraph 5 of the Action Plan, and again request that it take action to cooperate with the Commission and rectify its fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT.

3. To also instruct the Executive Secretary to inform Belize that unless the Commission receives a satisfactory response to its latest request prior to its next annual meeting, the Commission will consider imposing trade-restrictive measures, which avoid arbitrary or unjustifiable discrimination or a disguised restriction on trade, to prevent Belize from continuing to conduct fishing activities which diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for SBT.

4. That at its next annual meeting, the Commission shall decide on appropriate measures, consistent with paragraph 6 of the Action Plan, which may include prohibiting the import of SBT and its products in any form from Belize unless the Commission decides at that meeting or before, that Belize has taken appropriate action to ensure that its fishing activities do not diminish conservation and management measures for SBT.