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9bis-1. As the first step to reduce bigeye tuna mortality by 10%, each CCM that has purse seine fishing vessels shall take one of the following measures in 2009:

a) 10% reduction of its vessel days on the high seas and bigeye tuna catch from the base level stipulated in paragraph 1. above.

b) 45 day total closure(\*1) of purse seine fishing

c) 45 day prohibition(\*2) of purse seine fishing associated with FADs

Each CCM shall notify the Secretariat by December 31, 2008 of the measure it will take in 2009.

9bis-2. Monitoring of bigeye tuna catch

(1) For a CCM that will take the measure a) above, monitoring shall be conducted in 2009 at the landing ports to assess the amount of bigeye tuna catch by each purse seine fishing vessel for each fishing trip. The result of the monitoring shall be submitted to the TCC meeting in 2009.

(2) For a CCM that will take the measure b) or c) above, a reliable monitoring program shall be developed in 2009 so as to enable assessment of bigeye tuna catch amount through sufficient inspection and sampling at landing and transshipping sites for its purse seine fishing vessels.

9bis-3. Observer Boarding

(1) For a CCM that will take the measure c) above, purse seine vessels fishing within the area bounded by 20<sup>0</sup>N and 20<sup>0</sup>S on the high seas and in waters under the jurisdiction of one or more coastal States, or vessels fishing in waters under the jurisdiction of two or more coastal States, shall carry, at all times, an observer authorized by the Commission's Regional Observer Program.

(2) For a CCM that will take the measure a) or b) above, the observer coverage shall be 20% or more.

9bis-4. Restriction of fishing effort

CCM that will take the measure b) or c) above shall take necessary measures not to increase fishing effort in a period other than that of the closure or the FADs prohibition.

9bis-5. Measures for 2010 and 2011

The Commission shall decide at its 2009 meeting further measures necessary to achieve the objective of additional 20% reduction of bigeye tuna mortality in 2010 and 2011.

\*1 : The closure period shall be set within three months from July 1 to September 30, 2009 and be notified to the Secretariat by December 31,2008. During the closure period, purse seine fishing vessels shall stay in ports.

\*2 : The prohibition period shall be set within three months from May 1 to September 30,2009 and be notified to the Secretariat by December 31,2008. The CCM may choose two prohibition periods but shall specify purse seine fishing vessels for each prohibition period and notify them to the Secretariat. The period for annual maintenance in ports shall not be included in the FADs prohibition periods.