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**RESOLUTION C-26-XX
MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF
PACIFIC BLEFIN TUNA IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN**

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RESOLUTION C-264-XX02

MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF
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The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered, on the occasion of its 104^{2nd} Meeting:

[Chapeau text to be updated at 104th meeting of the IATTC]

Resolves as follows:

~~1. [Any future catch limits shall be considered in cooperation between the IATTC and the WCPFC taking into account the historical proportional fishery impacts on SSB between fisheries in the EPO and fisheries in the WCPO, and the IATTC shall consider a more equitable balance of catch among Members that is reflective of historical harvest in Members' respective EEZs in the EPO.]~~

The following paragraphs apply to 202~~7~~¹-202~~8~~⁴:

~~2.1.~~ The Commission shall implement this Resolution in accordance with the long-term management ~~objectives~~ procedure of Pacific bluefin tuna in ~~paragraph 1 of Resolution C-26-XX. C-21-01 [Amendment to Resolution C-18-02].~~

~~3.2.~~ Each CPC shall report its sport fishery catches annually by June 30. Each CPC shall ensure that catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by sportfishing vessels operating under its jurisdiction are managed in a manner consistent with commercial fisheries.

~~4.3.~~ In the IATTC Convention Area in 2027-2028, combined total catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by all CPCs shall not exceed the EPO total allowable biennial catch limit of [XX,XXX] metric tons.¹

~~5.4.~~ During 2025-2026, in 2027 – 2028, in the IATTC Convention Area, combined total commercial catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by all CPCs shall not exceed the biennial catch limit of [12,585[XX,XXX]] metric tons. The biennial catch limits for each CPC are specified below in paragraph 5². Within each biennium, CPCs also shall not exceed a one-year maximum catch limit, as specified below in paragraph 5.

¹ In 2027-2028, the use of the 35% stability cap in the management procedure instead of 25% results in an additional 1,187 mt of WCPO large fish in each year. 1,147 mt shall be transferred to the EPO annually in 2027-2028 (757 mt calculated through the use of the conversion factor 0.66).

² Notwithstanding paragraph 4, CPCs not referenced in paragraph 5 may catch Pacific bluefin tuna so long as their catch does not exceed 10 metric tons per year.

~~6-5.~~

	Mexico	United States
Biennial limit 2025-2026 2027 - 2028	[X,XXX 10,763 t]	[X,XXX 1,822 t]
One-year maximum for 202 7-2026 2028	[XXXX 6,296 t]	[XXXXX 1,285 t]

- a. During ~~2027 - 2028~~2025-2026, the United States may catch up to ~~[1,822-XXXX]~~ metric tons for both years combined (biennial limit), and up to ~~[1,285-XXXX]~~ metric tons in either year (one-year maximum). The catch limits for the United States will be subtracted and reserved from the total catch limits in paragraph 4 for the exclusive use of the United States.]
- b. [During ~~2027 - 2028~~2025-2026, Mexico may catch up to ~~[10,763-XXXX]~~ metric tons for both years combined (biennial limit), and up to ~~[6,296-XXXX]~~ metric tons in either year (one-year maximum). The catch limits for Mexico will be subtracted and reserved from the total catch limits in paragraph 4 for the exclusive use of Mexico.]

~~7-6.~~ Any over-harvest by any CPC shall be deducted from [the at CPC's] catch limit in the following year ~~in accordance with Paragraph 5 of Resolution C-23-01.~~ in accordance with paragraph X of the Management Procedure (C-26-XX). ~~Over-harvest of the 2023-2024 biennial catch limits established in Resolution C-21-05 shall be deducted from 2025-2026 catch limits applicable to this Resolution.~~

~~8-7.~~ Under-harvest of 2025-2026 biennial catch limits established in Resolution C-24-02 shall be added to catch limits in this Resolution applicable to ~~2025~~2027-2028~~2026~~ in accordance with Paragraph ~~6-X~~ of the Management Procedure Resolution (C-26-XX).

~~9-8.~~ CPCs should endeavor to manage catches by vessels under their respective national jurisdictions in such a manner and through such mechanisms as might be applied, with the objective of reducing the proportion of fish of less than 30 kg in the catch toward 50% of total catch, taking into consideration the scientific advice of the ISC and the IATTC staff. At the annual meetings of the IATTC ~~in 2027 - 2028~~ in 2025 and 2026, the Scientific Staff shall present the results of the previous year's fishing season in this regard for the Commission's review.

~~10-9.~~ In each year in ~~2025~~2027-2028~~26~~, each CPC shall report its commercial catches to the Director ~~weekly~~ after 50% of its annual catch limit in each year is reached.

~~11-10.~~ The Director will send out notices to all CPCs when 75% and 90% of the limits in Paragraphs 4 or 5 have been reached. The Director will send out a notice to all CPCs when the limits in Paragraphs 4 or 5 have been reached.

~~12-11.~~ By 31 January of each year ~~in 2025-2026~~, the Director shall notify all CPCs of the catch limit for each year in 2027 -- 2028 ~~in 2025-2026~~ established in Paragraphs 4 and 5 of this resolution that accounts for any over-harvest or under-harvest in accordance with Paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Resolution, and Paragraphs ~~X~~5 and ~~6-X~~ of Resolution C-~~23~~26-~~XX~~01.

~~13.~~12. In each year in 2025-2026, the IATTC Scientific Staff shall present an assessment to the Scientific Advisory Committee of the effectiveness of this resolution also taking into consideration the results of the ISC's latest Pacific bluefin tuna stock assessment, harvest scenario projections performed by the ISC, [the management procedure \(C-26-XX\)](#) and conservation and management measures for Pacific bluefin tuna adopted by the WCPFC. The Commission shall review and consider revising the management measures established in this Resolution based on the best available information, including the [management procedure](#)~~harvest strategy based on the management strategy evaluation expected to be completed in 2025~~, the latest assessment, recruitment information, projections or other relevant information, as well as outcomes of the Joint IATTC-WCPFC NC Working Group on Pacific bluefin tuna.

~~14.~~13. This resolution replaces resolution C-~~21-05~~[24-02](#).