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Purse seine measures in 2009

13. (bis)

If the lack of an available observer from the Regional Observer Program would prevent a vessel from being able to fish during the period in question, the flag State may place an observer on the vessel to monitor compliance with these measures.

Catch Retention

26. In order to create an disincentive to the capture of small fish and to encourage the develop of technologies and fishing strategies designed to avoid the capture of small bigeye and yellowfin tuna, CCMs shall require their purse seine vessels fishing in EEZs and on the high seas within the area bounded by 20 N and 20 S from 1 January 2010, subject to the Commission implementing the program in Paragraph 27 for 100 percent coverage on purse seine vessels by observers from the Regional Observer Program, to retain on board and then land and transship all bigeye, skipjack and yellowfin tuna. [*Continues as in current text.*]

Longline fishery

Delete second sentence in Paragraph 31, beginning “In accordance with, ...”

Add new paragraph as follows:

32. (bis) The limits for bigeye tuna established in Paragraphs 30-32, above, shall not apply to small island developing State Members and participating territories in the Convention Area undertaking responsible development of their locally-based domestic fisheries. Further, the reductions specified in Paragraph 32 shall not apply to fleets of Members landing exclusively fresh fish, provided that the details of such fleets and their operational characteristics are registered with the Commission by December 31, 2008 and that the number of licenses authorized in such fisheries does not increase from current levels.

Paragraph 33. Since this paragraph covers both purse seine and longline measures, move to new section on Review of Measures, following current paragraph 34, and add the following sentence:

“This review shall consider, inter alia, whether the measures are having the intended effect and the extent to which all CCMs and fishing sectors are contributing to achieving the Commission’s conservation goals.

OTHER COMMERCIAL FISHERIES

Insert as the trailing sentence to paragraph 34 as follows:

Further, the Philippines and Indonesia shall manage other tuna fisheries within waters of their jurisdiction to achieve a 30% reduction in the fishery mortality rate on bigeye tuna.