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**APPLICATIONS FOR COOPERATING NON-MEMBER STATUS**

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**WCPFC6-2009/09 (Rev.1)<sup>1</sup>**  
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**Paper prepared by the Secretariat**

**Introduction**

1. At the Fifth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC5) CCMs assessed the applications for renewal of Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status from Belize, El Salvador, Indonesia, Mexico and Senegal, and new applications from Ecuador and Vietnam, against the requirements of CMM 2008-02. The results of this assessment are presented in WCPFC-TCC5-2009/35 (Rev.1) appended at **Attachment 1**. This assessment includes a recommendation from TCC5 regarding the Commission's consideration of each application for CNM status.

**Information received by the Secretariat from applicants for CNM status post-TCC5**

2. As requested by TCC5, on 13 October 2009 the Executive Director sent letters to each applicant requesting a response containing additional information in support of its application for CNM status by 30 October 2009. At the time of writing this paper the Secretariat had received responses from Belize (20 October 2009), Vietnam (23 October 2009), Senegal (30 October 2009), Mexico (31 October 2009), El Salvador (4 November 2009) and Ecuador (23 November 2009) that are appended at (**Attachment 2**).

3. Pursuant to paragraph 3(d) of CMM 2008-02 the Executive Director sought the respective record of compliance of the applicants with conservation and management measures of other Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs). The responses of these RFMOs are appended at **Attachment 3**.

**Conclusion**

4. WCPFC6 is invited to consider:
- i. TCC5's recommendations in relation to each application for CNM status;
  - ii. additional information provided to the Secretariat by Belize, Vietnam, Senegal, Mexico and El Salvador; and
  - iii. responses from RFMOs to the Executive Director's enquiry about experiences with vessels from non-contracting Parties.

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<sup>1</sup> This paper has been revised to include a response from Ecuador to the Executive Director's letter dated 13 October 2009.



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**RECOMMENDATIONS AND TECHNICAL ASSESSMENT IN RELATION  
TO 2009 APPLICATIONS FOR COOPERATING NON MEMBER STATUS**

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**WCPFC-TCC5-2009/35 (Rev.1)**

**6 October 2009**

TCC5 assessed the applications for CNM status against the requirements of Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) 2008-02 as follows:

<b>CMM 2008-0 2 paragr aph</b>	<b>Belize</b>	<b>Ecuador</b>	<b>El Salvador</b>	<b>Indonesia</b>	<b>Mexico</b>	<b>Senegal</b>	<b>Vietnam</b>
1	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2a	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2b	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
2c	Yes	Yes	No (explicit statement required)	Yes	No (explicit statement required)	No (explicit statement required)	Yes

2d	No (deficient)	No (deficient)	Yes	No (Part 1 and 2 reports submitted. Data incomplete but consideration of capacity to collect data and the efforts by applicant to resolve deficiencies.)	No (deficient) No Part 1 Report Pole and line data requires verification.	No (deficient)	Not applicable (No historical fishing effort in the Convention Area)
2e	No (deficient)	No (deficient)	No (Part 1 and 2 reports to be requested)	No (Part 1 and 2 reports submitted. Data incomplete but consideration of capacity to collect data and the efforts by applicant to resolve deficiencies.)	Uncertain if vessels were active in the Convention Area during 2008; however, Part 2 Report declared no vessels active in 2009.	Not applicable (Not currently fishing in the Convention Area)	Not applicable (Not currently fishing in the Convention Area)
2f	- Seek clarification regarding introduction of additional carrier vessels to fish in	Documentation that no fishing occurred on the high seas required	Nil	Nil	Clarify active or inactive for the 6 purse seiners that may fish in the area.	Clarify high seas skipjack catch data and encourage further	Nil

	association with longliners. - Confirmation required for 5 vessels in N. Pacific and 2 vessels south of 20S					submission of historical data. Clarification of inconsistent ratios of shark and swordfish data.	
3a	No (see 2 d, e and f)	No (see 2 d, e and f)	No (see 2 c and e)	No (see 2 d and e)	No (see 2 c, d, e and f)	No (see 2 c, d and e)	Yes
3b	Not clear (see 2f)	Not applicable	Yes	One vessel nominated for Provisional IUU Listing	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
3c	Not applicable	Information outstanding regarding IUU (USA)	Yes	Draw Commission's attention to response(s) from applicant regarding Provisional IUU Listing	Yes	Yes	No
3d	Unknown – Secretariat requested to seek verification of compliance with other RFMOs	Unknown – Secretariat requested to seek verification of compliance with other RFMOs	Unknown – Secretariat requested to seek verification of compliance with other RFMOs	Not in compliance with IATTC – 7 vessels on IUU List.	Unknown – Secretariat requested to seek verification of compliance with other RFMOs	Unknown – Secretariat requested to seek verification of compliance with other RFMOs	Unknown – Secretariat requested to seek verification of compliance with other RFMOs
11a	TBD (see 2 f)	Not applicable	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Not applicable
11b	Not complete		Yes	Data incomplete	Yes	No	
11c	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	

11d	Not applicable		Yes	Not fully	Yes	Yes	
11e	No boarding attempted		No boarding attempted	Yes	No boarding attempted	No boarding attempted	
<b>Recommendation</b>	Recommended for consideration by the Commission for CNM status subject to the information requested above being provided to, and accepted by, the Commission. TCC5 also recommends that the Executive Director provide, in advance of WCPFC6, an analysis of the applicant's compliance with the commitments and any specific limits on fishing activities undertaken by the applicant at	Recommended for consideration by the Commission for CNM status subject to the information requested above being provided to, and accepted by, the Commission. TCC5 also recommends that the Executive Director provide, in advance of WCPFC6, based on available information, an analysis of compliance with commitments and any specific limits on fishing activities undertaken by	Recommended for consideration by the Commission for CNM status subject to the information requested above being provided to, and accepted by, the Commission. TCC5 recommends that the Executive Director provide, in advance of WCPFC6, based on available information, an analysis of compliance with commitments and any specific limits on fishing activities undertaken by	Recommended for consideration by the Commission for CNM status subject to the information requested above being provided to, and accepted by, the Commission. TCC5 also recommends that the Executive Director provide, in advance of WCPFC6, based on available information, an analysis of compliance with commitments and any specific limits on fishing activities undertaken by	Recommended for consideration by the Commission for CNM status subject to the information requested above being provided to, and accepted by, the Commission. TCC5 also recommends that the Executive Director provide, in advance of WCPFC6, based on available information, an analysis of compliance with commitments and any specific limits on fishing activities undertaken by	Recommended for consideration by the Commission for CNM status subject to the information requested above being provided to, and accepted by, the Commission. TCC5 also recommends that the Executive Director provide, in advance of WCPFC6, based on available information, an analysis of compliance with commitments and any specific limits on fishing activities undertaken by	Recommended for consideration by the Commission for CNM status subject to the information requested above being provided to, and accepted by, the Commission.

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# NATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE REGISTRY OF BELIZE

Marina Towers, 204, Newtown Barracks, Belize City, Belize C.A

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15<sup>th</sup> October 2009

Mr. Andrew Wright  
Executive Director  
WCPFC Secretariat  
Federated State of Micronesia

Dear Mr. Wright,

We acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 13<sup>th</sup> October and wish to respond as follows:

- 1(a) We hereby state that the Commission has received full data of Belize's historical fisheries in the WCPFC Convention Area for the period 2001-2008 in accordance with paragraph 2(d) of CMM 2008-02. A summary of such data was attached to our Application for the Renewal of our Cooperating non-Member Status dated 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.
- (b) Unfortunately, we are experiencing difficulties in receiving and compiling certain data required for our operational data. Therefore, we are unable to provide this information for 2008 and other previous years. This matter is currently being addressed by our Administration.

Additionally, for your guidance, note that during the introduction of our catch reporting system, a 5x5 strata data reporting was not required to be submitted by our vessel owners and as such this data is not available to us and therefore cannot be provided to the Commission for the year 2004. In respect to stratified data for 2005, we attach herewith such data. However, this does not include data on catch in numbers.

In regard to effort (hooks) and catch in numbers for 2006, note that this was not a data requirement for our vessels at that time and therefore, we are unable to provide this information. Nonetheless, you will observe that as a result of incorporating all the data notified to us as being required by the Commission, we have satisfied the criteria in the guidelines for the provision of annual catch estimates and aggregate data.

- (c) As you will observe the catches of our vessels in 2008 was minimal when compared to previous years, this was as a result of our vessels being laid up for over half of 2008. The size data which was provided for these vessels were also minimal and were not provide for all of our vessels (see attached). We are currently still working on a process for obtaining more accurate size data from our vessels.
- 2(a) Belize currently has only one vessel engaged in transshipment activities in the Convention area which transships cargo received from fishing vessel operating in this area. This vessel recently commenced operation in the area in 2009. Transshipment data will be provided to the Commission in our reports for next year unless, otherwise requested by the Commission.
  - (b) We hereby confirm Belize's commitment undertaken at the 4<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Commission, that Belize will continue to limit its annual bigeye tuna catches in the WCPF Convention Area to 803.25 mt. As you will observe from our catch data provided, Belize's total annual bigeye catches has been well under the 803.25 m/t limit.

Furthermore, Belize has provided details of all our vessels which were active in the Convention Area in 2008 and which are active in the Area in 2009. All of our fishing vessels are licensed to operate within the area of 20N to 20S, 130E-180W. NONE of our vessels operated in the Convention Area south of 20°S in 2008 and none have been authorized to operate south of 20°S for 2009.

Belize has progressed in attaining its objective of becoming a Contracting/Cooperating non-Contracting Party of all RFMOs in whose Convention Areas we have a presence and we will continue to ensure that all our vessels comply with the relevant conservation and management measures in these RFMO. For your guidance, we are:

- A Contracting Party of ICCAT and have provided to their Commission all the relevant documentation required in respect to statistical data and conservation and management measures.
- We are a Contracting Party of IOTC and have provided to their Commission all the relevant documentation required in respect to statistical data and conservation and management measures.
- We are a Contracting Party of IATTC and have provided to their Commission all the relevant documentation required in respect to statistical data and conservation and management measures.
- We are a Cooperating non-Contracting Party of NEAFC and have provided to their Commission all the relevant documentation required in respect to statistical data and conservation and management measures.

We hope that the above have addressed all the Commission's concerns. However, if there is any additional information that is required please do not hesitate to let us know.

With kind regards,



Fishing Vessels Manager

AGGREGATED CATCH AND EFFORT DATA AND SIZE COMPOSITION IN WEIGHT FOR BELIZE REGISTERED FISHING VESSELS WHICH OPERATED IN THE WCPFC CONVENTION AREA IN 2005

Month	Fishing Effort (Fishing Days)	Square Type Code	Quadrant	Lat	Long	Area of Operation	SPECIES		Units: Metric Tonnes							
							Albacore	Bigeve	Yellowfin	Skipjack	Swordfish	Marlin	Sailfish	Shark		
January	18	5X5	NE	0	135	00-05N,135-139E		4.205		1.182		0.04	0.15			
January	10	5X5	NE	5	130	04-07N,133-135E		2.08		1.46		0.03	0.05			
January	7	5X5	NE	5	165	04-06N,167-172E		1.45		1.35		0.07	0.43			
January	17	5X5	NE	5	130	03-06N,131-135E		2.259		2.62		0.1	0.32			
January	19	5X5	NE	5	130	03-06N,132-135E		2.92		1.12		0.13	0.235			
January	21	5X5	NE	5	130	03-06N,132-136E		2.326		2.425		0.165				
January	8	5X5	NE	0	165	03-06N,168-173E		4.29		2.84			0.25			
January	13	5X5	NE	0	135	03-06N,134-136E		2.43		0.598		0.06	0.16			
January	12	5X5	NE	0	135	02-04N,135-138E		3.2		2			0.185			
January	15	5X5	NE	0	165	00-05N,168-171E	0.283	2.45	2.26	0.089	0.984	0.37	0.101	0.18		
January	9	5X5	NE	5	165	00-05N,165-169E	1.258	0.958	1.258							
January	28	5X5	SE	25	170	25-30S,170-175E	44.403									
January	8	5X5	NE	0	165	00-05N,165-170E	0.363	2.022	2.076	0.071			1.715			
January	26	5X5	NE	25	170	23-29N,170-176E	25.17									
January	12	5X5	NE	15	160	15-20N,160-173E		1.85	0.857							1.514
February	12	5X5	NE	0	135	00-05N,135-139E		0.076	0.025			0.23	0.12			
February	7	5X5	NE	5	130	04-07N,133-136E		0.61	0.14			0.17	0.115			
February	3	5X5	NE	5	165	04-05N,166-167E		1.4	0.55				0.15			
February	10	5X5	NE	5	165	00-05N,165-170E	1.114	1.115	1.118							
February	5	5X5	NE	0	130	04-06N,130-138E		0.62	0.17			0.1				
February	9	5X5	NE	5	130	05-06N,133-138E		1.105	0.49			0.24	0.04			
February	8	5X5	NE	5	130	03-06N,132-137E		0.76	0.154			0.115	0.16			
February	6	5X5	NE	5	170	05-07N,170-174E		1.16	2.41				1.18			
February	7	5X5	NE	5	130	03-06N,131-137E		0.695	0.11			0.02	0.035			
February	15	5X5	NE	0	135	02-04N,135-138E		0.81	0.025							
February	11	5X5	NE	10	160	10-15N,160-175E		1.789	0.951							1.215
February	7	5X5	NE	20	120	21-25N,121-172E		4.9								
February	22	5X5	SE	25	170	25-30S,170-175E	17.692									
March	15	5X5	NE	0	135	00-05N,135-139E		3.28	0.755			0.33	0.185			
March	8	5X5	NE	5	165	03-08N,166-169E		2.49	0.73			0.14	0.543			
March	10	5X5	NE	5	135	02-07N,133-140E		2.88	1.07			0.28	0.31			
March	8	5X5	NE	5	170	04-10N,170-174E		3.53	1.41			0.5	0.45			
March	8	5X5	NE	5	130	02-07N,134-138E		0.93	0.12			0.14	0.04			
March	6	5X5	NE	0	135	00-05N,135-138E		1.21	0.34			0.04				
March	18	5X5	NE	0	135	02-07N,134-138E		2.305	0.575			0.54	0.5			
March	18	5X5	NE	0	130	02-05N,132-138E		2.83	1.255			0.48	0.235			
March	22	5X5	NE	0	135	02-03N,135-139E		4.25	2.81			0.195	0.96			
March	7	5X5	NE	5	165	05-09N,168-174E		3.31	0.645				0.18			
March	8	5X5	NE	5	165	04-08N,169-170E		3	2				0.51			
March	11	5X5	NE	5	165	05-10N,168-174E	1.312	1.05	1.589							
March	19	5X5	NE	0	135	02-05N,136-138E		4.54	2.37			0.195	0.385			
March	19	5X5	NE	0	135	02-04N,135-138E		2.32	0.67				0.185			
March	9	5X5	NE	10	160	10-15N,160-175E		2.1	0.649							1.411
March	6	5X5	SE	10	170	05-30S,170-175E		3.12								
March	5	5X5	SE	15	170			3.25								
March	5	5X5	SE	25	170			1.916								
April	14	5X5	NE	0	135	00-05N,135-139E		1.735	1.3			0.055	0.045			
April	8	5X5	NE	5	165	03-08N,166-169E		9.95	3.62			0.1	1.25			
April	11	5X5	NE	5	130	02-07N,133-140E		1.62	0.525			0.36	0.31			
April	4	5X5	NE	5	165	05-08N,169-171E		1.02	0.83			0.9				
April	16	5X5	NE	0	135	02-08N,134-138E		2.04	0.255			0.175	0.21			
April	21	5X5	NE	5	130	02-06N,133-138E		2.77	1.31			0.14	0.24			
April	9	5X5	NE	5	135	02-06N,134-138E		1.66	0.97				0.57			
April	25	5X5	NE	5	165	00-10N,160-175E		1.29	1.087	1.441		1.549				
April	21	5X5	NE	5	135	02-05N,133-137E		2.29	1.08			0.3	0.29			
April	18	5X5	NE	5	130	02-06N,133-138E		2.84	0.94			0.206	0.4			
April	7	5X5	NE	5	165	05-09N,168-174E		4.37	0.67				0.32			
April	7	5X5	NE	5	165	04-08N,166-175E		3.55	1.83			0.06	0.66			
April	18	5X5	NE	0	135	01-07N,134-139E		2.63	0.945			0.19	0.38			
April	14	5X5	NE	0	135	02-04N,135-138E		1.56	1.32			0.22	0.15			
April	5	5X5	SE	20	155	15-40S,150-170E		4								
April	3	5X5	SE	35	160			2.08								
May	16	5X5	NE	5	135	02-07N,134-138E		2.07	3.425			0.25	0.42			
May	8	5X5	NE	5	165	02-06N,166-170E		5.15	2.27			0.25	2.2			
May	7	5X5	NE	5	140	06-10N,143-176E		2.28	0.4			0.43	0.59			
May	3	5X5	NE	5	165	04-07N,169-170E		0.64	0.23				0.16			
May	17	5X5	NE	0	135	02-07N,134-139E		1.84	1.215			0.04	0.74			
May	22	5X5	NE	5	135	04-06N,134-137E		2.54	2.96			0.09	1.68			
May	22	5X5	NE	5	135	03-06N,134-136E		3.3	5.26			0.35	1.5			
May	31	5X5	NE	5	155	05-10N,150-165E		2.013	1.964	2.548		2.407				
May	19	5X5	NE	5	130	03-09N,132-137E		2.265	1.37			0.12	1.52			
May	8	5X5	NE	5	170	05-10N,166-173E	1.078	0.999	0.989							
May	20	5X5	NE	5	135	02-05N,134-138E		2.36	3.385			0.14	0.638			
May	3	5X5	NE	5	170	08-11N,170-172E		2.85	0.47				0.16			
May	4	5X5	NE	5	170	08-09N,173-174E		0.41	0.37				0.21			
May	21	5X5	NE	0	135	02-05N,134-138E		3.71	5.09			0.26	1.105			
May	6	5X5	NE	0	135	02-04N,135-138E		2.43	1.79			0.12	0.98			
May	16	5X5	NE	5	165	05-10N,168-171E	0.987	1.95	0.37	0.312	0.312	0.205	0.21	0.314		
May	14	5X5	SE	0	135	00-05S,130-140E		1.54	1.215							2.1
May	21	5X5	SE	0	165	00-06S,160-178E	0.633	6.279	15.659			0.377	6.047			1.283
May	14	5X5	SE	25	150	20-40S,150-165E	24.856									



November	20	5X5	NE	5	130	05-07N,132-135E		5.01	0.776		0.03	0.28		
November	5	5X5	NE	5	165	03-07N,167-171E		1.325	0.705			0.44		
November	9	5X5	NE	5	165	02-11N,165-175E		2.61	2.21			0.8	0.63	
November	16	5X5	NE	5	130	06-08N,132-134E		1.89	0.2		0.05	0.14		
November	30	5X5	NE	0	135	00-03N,136-140E		3.024	2.431	2.5	1.933			
November	18	5X5	NE	5	130	05-07N,132-135E	0.1	2.18	0.418		0.75	0.41		
November	14	5X5	NE	5	135	04-07N,135-137E		2.166	0.398		0.15	0.085		
November	10	5X5	NE	5	165	03-07N,166-169E		2.34	0.442			0.415		
November	10	5X5	NE	5	135	06-07N,133-135E		1.1	0.34		0.04	0.15		
November	19	5X5	NE	5	135	06-07N,135-137E		2.19	0.215		0.06	0.5		
November	18	5X5	NE	0	140	00-05N,140-145E		1.11	0.987					1.25
November	23	5X5	SE	15	165	14-20S,166-172E	22.656	0.416	0.222		0.094	1		
December	19	5X5	NE	5	130	02-07N,132-137E		2.8	0.555		0.24	0.29		
December	9	5X5	NE	5	165	04-07N,166-171E		1.33	1.945		1.095	0.675		
December	12	5X5	NE	5	130	03-07N,131-135E		1.075	1.05		0.355	0.085		
December	29	5X5	NE	10	135	00-16N,136-144E		2.742	4.091	1.851	2.281			
December	17	5X5	NE	5	130	05-07N,132-135E		1.98	0.38		0.17	0.06		
December	15	5X5	NE	5	135	05-06N,133-135E		1.587	0.123		0.03	0.266		
December	16	5X5	NE	5	165	03-07N,167-172E		4.83	3.86					
December	9	5X5	NE	5	165	04-08N,166-170E		2.13	1.105			0.08		
December	13	5X5	NE	5	130	05-06N,134E		1.2	0.1			0.12		
December	16	5X5	NE	5	130	05-07N,132-134E		1.92	0.485		0.13	0.5		
December	19	5X5	NE	10	135	10-15N,135-140E		1.589	0.687					1.512
December	31	5X5	SE	15	165	16-20S,166-175E	25.267	0.868	0.473		0.26	0.321		
						<b>TOTAL CATCHES</b>	<b>313.2127</b>	<b>424.562</b>	<b>298.371</b>	<b>20.117</b>	<b>43.625</b>	<b>75.251</b>	<b>1.91</b>	<b>25.917</b>

Month	Area	Species	Number Retained	Number Measured	Minimum Size (cm)	Maximum Size (cm)	Average Size (cm)
March	5-10N, 135-140E	Bigeye Tuna	79	19	74	124	99
April	5-10N, 135-140E	Bigeye Tuna	150	37	62	120	91
April	5-10N, 135-140E	Yellowfin Tuna	79	19	68	146	107
April	5-10N, 135-140E	Swordfish	2	2	105	115	110
May	5-10N, 135-140E	Bigeye Tuna	104	26	59	172	115.5
May	5-10N, 135-140E	Yellowfin Tuna	49	12	61	121	91
May	5-10N, 135-140E	Swordfish	3	2	58	95	76.5
June	5-10N, 135-140E	Bigeye Tuna	37	37	51	125	88
June	5-10N, 135-140E	Yellowfin Tuna	15	3	69	115	92
June	5-10N, 135-140E	Swordfish	2	2	61	81	71
September	5-10S, 160-165E	Albacore	12	3	60	90	75
September	5-10S, 160-165E	Bigeye Tuna	13	13	105	147	126
September	5-10S, 160-165E	Yellowfin Tuna	45	34	72	130	101
October	5-10S, 160-165E	Albacore	2	2	100	110	105
October	5-10S, 160-165E	Bigeye Tuna	147	75	120	165	142.5
October	5-10S, 160-165E	Yellowfin Tuna	74	44	96	157	126.5
October	5-10S, 160-165E	Swordfish	17	15	193	243	218
November	5-10S, 160-165E	Albacore	14	14	89	107	98
November	5-10S, 160-165E	Bigeye Tuna	153	75	123	167	145
November	5-10S, 160-165E	Yellowfin Tuna	642	177	113	145	129
November	5-10S, 160-165E	Swordfish	3	3	176	201	188.5
November	5-10S, 160-165E	Albacore	5	2	70	100	85
November	5-10S, 160-165E	Bigeye Tuna	73	42	80	135	107.5
November	5-10S, 160-165E	Yellowfin Tuna	460	108	70	140	105
November	5-10S, 160-165E	Swordfish	4	3	130	100	115
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Albacore	12	3	100	110	105
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Bigeye Tuna	230	129	58	125	91.5
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Yellowfin Tuna	640	145	48	132	90
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Swordfish	16	16	172	230	201
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Albacore	3	3	75	85	80
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Bigeye Tuna	116	116	60	120	90
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Yellowfin Tuna	706	211	80	100	90
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Swordfish	6	6	250	320	285
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Blue Marlin	112	104	160	310	235
December	5-10S, 160-165E	Black Marlin	82	46	140	182	161



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Hanoi, October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2009

**To: Mr. Andrew Wright**  
**Executive Director - Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission**  
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Federated States of Micronesia

Dear Mr. Andrew Wright,

With reference to your letter dated 13 October 2009 requesting Vietnam to provide additional information to support its application for the Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), we would like to answer as follows:

1. To our best capacity, we are committed to work with the Commission to acquire and manage fishery information and data in accordance with the Commission's *Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission*.
2. It is also our willingness to accept boarding, in accordance with the Commission's high seas boarding and inspection procedures;
3. Vietnam so far has not had any operation whatsoever in the areas under the management of other Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs), and has never been recorded for non-compliance with the measures of other RFMOs. Recently, there have been certain information exchanges regarding conservation and management measures between some RFMOs, i.e. ICCAT and IOTC, and Vietnam, and we wish and expect that the information exchanges, as well as other cooperation between Vietnam and the RFMOs will be further strengthened in the future.

As reflected in our CNM application, Vietnam is committed to cooperate fully with the WCPFC in the Commission's efforts to conserve and manage the migratory fish stocks

in the region. We do hope that Vietnam's CNM application will soon be approved by the Commission.

Please accept, once more, the assurances of our highest consideration and appreciation.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized initial 'A' followed by a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

**To Viet Chau**  
**Deputy Director-General**  
**International Cooperation Department**

**This is the translation of Senegalese answer to the WCPFC in relation to their Letter dated on October 13<sup>th</sup> 2009**

**Republic of Senegal  
One People – One Goal – One Faith  
Ministry of Maritime Economy, Fisheries  
And Maritime Transports**

**1) - Senegal Statement**

**a) - Statement by Senegal**

Senegal is in international waters of the Pacific since 2005 in accordance with the principle of freedom of high seas fishing. This presence in the Pacific took place in full transparency because Senegalese vessels were registered in the records of the FFA which acted as a regulatory body prior to the creation of the WCPFC. This fact has facilitated the recognition of senegalese vessels by the Commission and allowed the reporting of statistical data in the convention area of the WCPFC.

To this end, the Directorate of Marine Fisheries, hereby certify that all data from catches in the Pacific, conducted since 2005 have been forwarded to the WCPFC.

**b) - Catches of skipjack.**

The catch data of the ship Robaleira are shown in the attached sheet. The total catches of skipjack 8928 kgs (8.928 tons). These catches have been recorded only in 2006 during the entire fishing campaign of Senegalese fleet.

As for the sharks and swordfish, Senegal is willing to reconsider the level of catches of these species if a misinterpretation of management measures is found.

**c)** - in 2005, only the vessel Robaleira has fished in the Pacific area. The catch data were provided and the fishing effort in number of hours of fishing was also reported to the WCPFC.

**2) - Acceptance of boarding's**

Senegal is committed to undergo inspections on board regarding all aspects related to fishing operations including control of fishing equipment and verification of catches. Considering that technical services of Senegal are checking security information, navigability, navigation permits and other administrative documents, it is not advisable to do the same work previously done in Dakar; we know especially that this approach requires much time.

The Senegal recognizes that there is an imperfection in the presentation format of the data provided to the Commission and efforts to improve data are planned to provide data that meets the requirements of the Commission. Before the coming meeting to be held in Tahiti, an important work will be done to better structure the information as requested.

Considering all the elements above, the Directorate of Marine Fisheries expects from the Commission, during the meeting in 2009 in Tahiti, not to penalize Senegal on the basis of the facts prior to the acceptance of Senegal to the status of Cooperating non-member in December 2008 in Busan.

Although Senegal has not fished in the Pacific in 2008 and 2009, we wish to maintain the status of Cooperating non-member, while having the hope of becoming a contracting member. I recall that Senegal is a member of ICCAT and IOTC that are pursuing the same objectives as WCPFC.

Yours sincerely.





**NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR AQUACULTURE AND FISHERIES**

Of. N°: 01022/09



SECRETARÍA DE AGRICULTURA,  
GANADERÍA, DESARROLLO RURAL,  
PESCA Y ALIMENTACIÓN

October 30, 2009.

**DR. ANDREW WRIGHT  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT  
OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN  
AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN (WCPFC)**

Dear Andrew:

Thank you very much for your communication of the 13 of October of this year. Mexico is pleased to provide the information below in response to the requests contained in the aforementioned communication and pursuant to Mexico's request to renew its status as a Cooperating Non-Member in the WCPFC.

Regarding the data that the Commission holds for Mexico's historical fisheries in the Western and Central Pacific, such data is the same that Mexico holds in its records. As Mexico previously informed the WCPFC throughout its communications, the operations preceded domestic and international registries and extensive reporting requirements by the vessels.

Submission of data and information on current operations or activities identified in CMM 2008-02 2(e) is not provided because no Mexican flagged fishing vessels operated in the area west of 150° W since Mexico was granted the CNM status.

As a Pacific coastal State, Mexico requests its renewal of its CNM status to the WCPC consistent its duties to cooperate with international organizations as called for in UNCLOS section 2 and other instruments of international law.

Mexico also requests its CNM status given its previously expressed interested in participating in the tuna fishery in the Central and West Pacific. Regarding future plans to do so, and taking into account that fishing access licenses are necessary to fish in the EEZ's of the member countries, interested Mexican flagged vessels remain subject to obtaining such licenses which so far has not been possible despite their continuous efforts to do so.

Regarding the historical fishing activities of the Mexican pole-and-line fleet West of 150° W, Mexico has the same historical records that are also within the information held and previously provided to the WCPFC and Mexico is not aware of any other activity of these vessels in the Area. Further, Mexico neither has currently, nor plans to have pole-and-line vessels in such Area.

Mexico has conveyed to the WCPFC the interest of 6 of its vessels to operate in the western and central Pacific, however and as expressed this did not take place. Mexico wishes to reiterate that no Mexican flagged vessels operated in 2008 or 2009.

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Regarding the WCPFC boarding and inspection schemes that are in place, Mexico wishes to reiterate that it will cooperate with these arrangements consistent with international law and other regional agreements.

Finally Mexico wishes to state that it possesses a very satisfactory record of compliance in the RFMO's to which it belongs, including the ICAAT and the IATTC tuna Commissions (statement previously provided), and Mexico welcomes any direct and complementary inquiry from the WCPFC to such organizations.

Please let me know if you need any further information.

**MARIO AGUILAR SANCHEZ**

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MEXICAN EMBASSY IN THE USA**

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## Attachment 2 – El Salvador

El Salvador, October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Doctor  
ANDREW WRIGHT  
Executive Director  
Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission

In relations to your letter advising us of the Commission's Technical and Compliance Committee appraisal of El Salvador's application for Cooperating Non Member during the 5th Regular Session of the TCC held in Palikir, Federated States of Micronesia, and the additional information needed in order for El Salvador to be recommended to be granted Cooperating Non Member Status, following are the clarifications requested:

1. El Salvador Vessel Data Provision
  - a. El Salvador has sent all the information as required per the "Scientific Data to be provided to the Commission" therefore, the Commission holds full data for the historical fisheries in the WCPFC Convention Area for Salvadorean flagged vessels.
  - b. As for the size data, this type of data is recollected by the IATTC at port which dereres from the requirements of the WCPFC. Because of this situation, we do not have this data available, but are looking at options in order to implement this program. We will be seeking the training of IATTC observers or vessel crew by WCPFC that could take this information.
2. In respect of CMM 2008-02 para 2(f)
  - a. The Salvadorean purse seine vessels allowed to fish in the Convention area cumplied with the commitment not to fish in WCPFC high seas areas during 2008 and in 2009 are complying with the number of allowable fishing days as per the 2001-2004 tuna capture averages.
3. In relations to CMM 2008-01 para 2(c) and 11(e) El Salvador confirms, once again, as expressed in our request application our "*commitment to cooperate with the WCPFC and to continue implementing all the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission, guaranteeing their compliance by our fishing vessels*" as stated in the fourth paragraph of our letter dated July 31<sup>st</sup> as mentioned above.

This includes our willingness to accept high seas boarding and inspection procedures, within the WCPFC area, according to the Commission's regulations and the international law. Attached is a letter from the Salvadorean industry in this regard.
4. Attached are both the Annual Reports to the Commission.
5. As to El Salvador's record of compliance with the measures of other RFMOs, other than in WCPFC, El Salvador is only member to the Inter American Tropical Tuna Commission-IATTC in which we have an excellent record of compliance to all dispositions. Please confirm this with the IATTC.

Regards,

Sonia Maria Salaverria Castaneda  
Directora General

Manta, November 19<sup>th</sup> , 2009

Andrew Wright  
Executive Director  
WCPFC  
Pohnpei, Micronesia

Dear sir:

In reference to your letter dated October 13<sup>th</sup>, where you ask for additional information regarding WCPFC consideration of Ecuador's Cooperating Non Member (CNM) status application, we hereby thank for TCC5 favorable recommendation to the Commission and response as follows:

1. As stated in our application letter dated July 27<sup>th</sup>, we reiterate that, starting from the date our application is approved, we commit to provide all data required by the Commission regarding all activities of our fleet beginning on that same date. Therefore, we are abided by the data attached to our application.
2. I certify that none Ecuadorian flagged vessels have fished in the high seas of the Convention area during 2009.
2. Even though it is already stated in our application dated July 27<sup>th</sup>, we reiterate our authorization, in case of being accepted, for our vessels fishing in the high seas in the Convention to be boarded and inspected in accordance with the procedures set forth by the Commission
4. Ecuadorian fleet fully complied with all conservation measures adopted by the Commission in year 2008, specially FADs closure between August 1<sup>st</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2009

Sincerely yours,

Guillermo Morán Velásquez  
Under Secretary of Fisheries Resources

### Attachment 3

#### Executive Director's E-mail Request for Information from RFMOs

> -----Original Message-----  
> From: Andrew Wright [mailto:Andrew.Wright@wcpfc.int]  
> Sent: 12 October 2009 01:33  
> To: Watanabe, Hiromoto (FIEL); FungeSmith, Simon (FAORAP);  
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> Cc: Andre Tahindro; [doalos@un.org](mailto:doalos@un.org); Nomura, Ichiro (FID); Pulvenis,  
> JeanFrancois (FIED); Gueye, Ndiaga (FIEL); Doulman, David (FIEL);  
> Poulain, Florence (FIEL); Guyonnet, Marianne (FIEL); FI-Registry;  
> Andrew Richards  
> Subject: RE: DOALOS Questionnaire in implementation of General  
> Assembly resolution A/ RES/62/177  
>  
> Dear All,  
>  
> The following States have applied for Cooperating Non-member status  
> with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission: Belize, El  
> Salvador, Ecuador, Mexico, Indonesia, and Senegal. I have been asked  
> by the Commission to inquire if any vessels flagged to these States  
> have been listed as IUU by any other RFMO. I would be interested in  
> any IUU history for vessels flagged to these States extending back to 2001.  
>  
> I would appreciate any response by 30th October.  
>  
> With thanks in advance  
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> \_\_\_\_\_  
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## IOTC Response

-----Original Message-----

From: Alejandro Anganuzzi [mailto:alejandro.anganuzzi@iotc.org]  
Sent: Monday, October 26, 2009 18:14  
To: Andrew Wright  
Subject: RE: DOALOS Questionnaire in implementation of General Assembly resolution A/ RES/62/177

Hi Drew

The only IUU issues that we had in the past were with Belize. Senegal has been a Cooperating non-Contracting Party of IOTC for several years now, and the remaining countries have not had any involvement with IOTC.

Here is a summary of the situation in the past with Belize.

2000 - Belize entered into contact with the Secretariat regarding the requirements to accede to the IOTC Agreement. Report 5th Session.

2002 - Belize is identified, by the Secretariat, amongst several other nations whose fleets are operating in the IOTC Area but not reporting their fleet's catches. Report 7th Session.

2005 - Belize's application for Cooperating Non-Contracting Party status rejected by the Commission. Belize is identified in accordance to Recommendation 03/05. Seven vessels presumed to be flagged in Belize are listed in the IOTC IUU Vessels List.

2006 - Belize present its "Confirmation of Commitment in respect of the Commission's conservation and management measures". Belize attains status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party to IOTC.

May 2007 - Belize becomes a full member of IOTC.

Hope this helps

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## IATTC Response

-----Original Message-----

From: Guillermo Compean [mailto:gcompean@iattc.org]

Sent: Saturday, October 17, 2009 06:16

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Subject: RE: DOALOS Questionnaire in implementation of General Assembly resolution A/ RES/62/177

Dear Drew,

The situation for the IATTC with respect to IUU listings for the countries you mention is as follows:

1. A number of Belize flag vessels were included on the Commission's first IUU list, published in December 2005. Subsequently, Belize re-organized its Register, focusing its efforts on eliminating any IUU fishing by Belize flag vessels. Consequently, when our next IUU list was published, in June 2006, there were no longer any Belize flag vessels on it, and none have been included in subsequent IATTC IUU lists.
2. Indonesian flag longline vessels have been on IATTC IUU lists from the beginning. There are seven Indonesian flag vessels on our current list. The Secretariat has been in communication with Indonesian authorities regarding these vessels, but the steps have not been taken by Indonesia to provide for the removal of the vessels.
3. There is no history of IUU fishing in the IATTC area by vessels flagged by El Salvador, Ecuador, Mexico, or Senegal.

Let me know if you need any additional information.

Best regards,  
Guillermo

## ICCAT Response

**From:** Driss Meski [mailto:driss.meski@iccat.int]

**Sent:** Wednesday, October 14, 2009 20:09

**To:** Andrew Wright; 'Watanabe, Hiromoto (FIEL)'; 'FungeSmith, Simon (FAORAP)'; dahmani@mpm.gov.ma;yugraj.yadava@bobpigo.org; denzil@ccamlr.org;nhermes@ccsbt.org; 'Jallow, Alhaji (FAORAF)'; Mr. Sua N.F. Tanielu; 'Bonzon, Alain (FIEL)';alejandro.anganuzzi@iotc.org;gcompean@iattc.org;bruce@iphc.washington.edu; ctmfm@netgate.com.uy; direc@oldepesca.org; hq@nasco.int; secretariat@npafc.org; kjartan@neafc.org; jfischer@nafo.int; kowal@psc.org; sgeneral@cpps-int.org; ndoungabaptême@yahoo.fr;tima@spc.int;suriyan@seafdec.org;hamukuaya@seafo.org; 'Harris, Aubrey (FAOSFS)'; spcsr@gmail.com; 'Chakalall, Bisessar (FAOSLAC)'; 'Brian Hallman'; 'Bob Kennedy'**Cc:** 'Andre Tahindro'; doalos@un.org; 'Nomura, Ichiro (FID)'; 'Pulvenis, JeanFrancois (FIED)'; 'Gueye, Ndiaga (FIEL)'; 'Doulman, David (FIEL)'; 'Poulain, Florence (FIEL)'; 'Guyonnet, Marianne (FIEL)'; 'FI-Registry'; Andrew Richards

**Subject:** RE: DOALOS Questionnaire in implementation of General Assembly resolution A/RES/62/177

Hi Drew,

In response to your request, please see below a brief history of the IUU activities of the countries about which you enquire:

**Belize:** Although several vessels on the 2001-2003 ICCAT IUU lists were originally registered to Belize, Belize undertook many actions to remove all IUU vessels from their register. As a result of the actions taken, trade sanctions which had been imposed on Belize in 2000 were lifted, effective from 1 January 2004, through a Recommendation adopted in 2002. No Belizean vessels have been on the IUU list since its becoming a Contracting Party to ICCAT in 2005.

**Ecuador:** Six vessels believed to be flagged to Ecuador were on the 2001 ICCAT IUU list, but these vessels were removed in 2002 following presentation by Ecuador that these vessels were legally licensed to fish. No further Ecuadorian vessels have been included on the list since then.

**El Salvador:** There has been no history of any Salvadorian registered vessel on the ICCAT IUU list.

**Indonesia:** Eighteen vessels believed to be flagged to Indonesia were on the 2001 ICCAT IUU list. Indonesia deregistered these vessels in 2002, although full evidence was not available at that time, and the vessels remained on the IUU list, with unknown flag and owners address in Indonesia until 2004.

Two of these vessels still remain on the list showing unconfirmed owner address in Indonesia, but no new information has been submitted since 2004 in relation to these vessels. Identification of Indonesia as a country engaging in activities which may undermine ICCAT conservation and management measures was lifted in 2004.

**Mexico:** There has been no history of any Mexican registered vessel on the ICCAT IUU list. Mexico is an ICCAT Contracting Party.

**Senegal:** There has been no history of any Senegalese registered vessel on the ICCAT IUU list. Senegal is an ICCAT Contracting Party.

Best regards.

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## CCAMLR Response

-----Original Message-----

From: Denzil Miller [mailto:[denzil@ccamlr.org](mailto:denzil@ccamlr.org)]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 08:57

To: Andrew Wright

Cc: Natasha Slicer; Rita Mendelson; Denzil Miller

Subject: RE: DOALOS Questionnaire in implementation of General Assembly resolution A/ RES/62/177

Dear Andrew

Having consulted with Natasha, I can say the following.

Belize has flagged five vessels which are on, or have been on, CCAMLR's IUU Vessel Lists.

However, none of the vessels were flagged to Belize during the time they were on the CCAMLR List (i.e. Belize has never been reported on the IUU Vessel List as a Flag State of any vessels whilst they were reported to have engaged in IUU activities in the Convention Area).

And no Belize flagged vessels are reported to have engaged in IUU activities since 2000. CCAMLR had not implemented its IUU Vessel Lists at that time in any case.

Denzil

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## North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization (NASCO) Response

-----Original Message-----

From: [hq@nasco.int](mailto:hq@nasco.int) [mailto:[hq@nasco.int](mailto:hq@nasco.int)]

Sent: Tuesday, October 13, 2009 01:51

To: Andrew Wright

Subject: RE: DOALOS Questionnaire in implementation of General Assembly resolution A/ RES/62/177

Dear Mr Wright,

We are not aware of any IUU fishing for salmon in the North Atlantic by vessels registered to these countries.

Best regards.

Yours sincerely,

Malcolm Windsor  
Secretary

APR38.356

## NEAFC Response

**From:** Kjartan Hoydal [mailto:kjartan@neafc.org]

**Sent:** Monday, October 12, 2009 20:22

**To:** Andrew Wright; Watanabe, Hiromoto (FIEL); FungeSmith, Simon (FAORAP); dahmani@mpm.gov.ma; yugraj.yadava@bobpigo.org; denzil@ccamlr.org; nhermes@ccsbt.org; Jallow, Alhaji (FAORAF); Mr. Sua N.F. Tanielu; Bonzon, Alain (FIEL); alejandro.anganuzzi@iotc.org; gcompean@iattc.org; driss.meski@iccat.int; bruce@iphc.washington.edu; ctmfm@netgate.com.uy; direc@oldepesca.org; hq@nasco.int; secretariat@npafc.org; jfischer@nafo.int; kowal@psc.org; sgeneral@cpps-int.org; ndoungabaptême@yahoo.fr; tima@spc.int; suriyan@seafdec.org; hamukuaya@seafo.org; Harris, Aubrey (FAOSFS); spcsrp@gmail.com; Chakalall, Bisessar (FAOSLAC); Brian Hallman; rkennedy@ccsbt.org

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**Subject:** RE: Enquiry about experiences with vessels from non-contracting Parties

Dear Andrew,

The only country on your list we have had problems with early in this decade is Belize. I have, however, to say that after we established contact with

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the problems were sorted out quickly and efficiently. Belize in 2005 applied for cooperative Non-contracting Party status in NEAFC. The application was processed and accorded by NEAFC in November 2006. The status has been renewed annually and I expect it will be renewed for 2010 at the NEAFC Annual Meeting in November 2009.

Yours sincerely

Kjartan Hoydal, Secretary

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## CCSBT Response

**From:** Bob Kennedy [mailto:rkennedy@ccsbt.org]  
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**To:** Andrew Wright  
**Subject:** RE: Looking for a new ED for the WCPFC

Hi Drew,

I did receive that e-mail and replied to you some time ago that we do not have an IUU vessel list and have therefore not listed any IUU vessels from those or any other States.

However, I had also planned to mention listings of Belize and Indonesia against CCSBT's Action Plan but did not get round to it. Thanks for the reminder. CCSBT developed an action plan in 2000 (see attached) in which it requests non-Members to cooperate with the CCSBT and can eventually take trade restrictive measures against those States that are catching SBT in a manner that diminishes the effectiveness of CCSBT measures.

Belize was identified pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Action Plan at CCSBT7 and CCSBT8 in 2001 (See Attachment G) and was requested to Cooperate with the CCSBT. No responses were received from Belize and at CCSBT9 (2002), the CCSBT raised Belize to the second level (paragraph 5) of the Action plan Belize as a non-member, which has not rectified its fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of conservation and management measures for southern bluefin tuna. However, at CCSBT10 (2003) it was decided that no further action was required against Belize because Japanese import statistics and CCSBT TIS data both indicated that catching of SBT by Belize had ceased.

Indonesia was identified pursuant to paragraph 2 of the Action Plan at CCSBT8 in 2001 (See Attachment I) and was requested to cooperate with the CCSBT. No, further action was taken against Indonesia because at CCSBT9 (2002), Indonesia expressed its intention to cooperate with the CCSBT and to become a Cooperating Non-Member (CNM). It never became a CNM, but Indonesia did become a full Member of the CCSBT in April 2008.

Hope this helps.

Regards,  
Bob

## **ACTION PLAN**

*(adopted at the Sixth Annual Meeting – Second Part; 21-23 March 2000)*

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

RECALLING that the objective of the Convention for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (the Convention) is to ensure the conservation and optimum utilisation of southern bluefin tuna (SPT);

AWARE that a significant number of vessels registered to non-Parties to the Convention are catching SBT;

CONVINCED of the need for urgent action to ensure the effectiveness of the conservation measures for SBT in force from time to time;

AWARE of the strenuous efforts by Parties to encourage non-Parties to accede to the Convention or cooperate with the Commission;

RECALLING that under Article 15(4) of the Convention Parties are obliged to cooperate in taking appropriate action to deter non-Party fishing which could adversely affect the objective of the Convention,

**resolves** as follows:

1. The Commission requests non-Members catching SBT to cooperate fully with the Commission in implementing the measures applicable to Members for conservation, management and optimum utilization of SBT (hereinafter referred to as “conservation and management measures”). The Commission also requests those non-Members to advise it of their actions taken in that regard.
2. The Commission will identify, at or before the Seventh, and then at each subsequent Annual Meeting of the Commission, those non-Members whose vessels have been catching SBT in a manner which diminishes the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures, based on the catch data compiled by the Commission, trade information and other relevant information obtained in ports and on fishing grounds.
3. The Chair of the Commission shall request those non-Members identified pursuant to paragraph 2 to rectify their fishing activities so as not to diminish the effectiveness of the conservation and management measures and to advise the Commission of their actions taken in that regard.
4. Members shall jointly and/or individually request non-Members catching SBT to cooperate fully with the Commission in implementing the conservation and management measures.
5. The Commission will review, at subsequent Annual Meetings as appropriate, actions taken by those non-Members to which requests have been made pursuant to paragraphs 3 and 4, and identify those non-Members which have not rectified their fishing activities.
6. The commission may decide to impose trade-restrictive measures consistent with Members’ international obligations on SBT products, in any form, from the non-Members identified pursuant to paragraph 5.

**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.

## **Attachment I**

### **DRAFT 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.