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| **[DRAFT] IATTC RESOLUTOIN C-20-XX****MEASURES FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF** **PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN, 2021** |

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**United States of America**

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

**RESOLUTION C-20-XX**

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[*Explanatory note: The changes tracked here show a change from the current resolution (Resolution C-18-01)]. Resolves as follows*:

1. The Commission shall implement this Resolution in accordance with the long-term management objectives of Pacific bluefin tuna in paragraph 1 of Resolution C-18-02 [Amendment to Resolution C-16-08].
2. Each CPC shall report sport fishery catches of Pacific bluefin tuna semi-annually to the Director. Each CPC shall continue to ensure that catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by sportfishing vessels operating under its jurisdiction are reduced in a manner commensurate with reductions in commercial catches.
3. During 2021, in the IATTC Convention Area, combined total commercial catches of Pacific bluefin tuna by all CPCs shall not exceed the catch limit of 3,925 metric tons.
4. Noting that the United States could catch up to [425] metric tons in any year within the biennial limit under Resolution C-18-01, the United States may catch up to [425] metric tons in 2021, and any catches that exceed 300 metric tons[[1]](#footnote-2) shall be subtracted from the catch limit to be adopted for 2022. The catch limit for the United States will be subtracted and reserved from the total catch limit in paragraph 3 for the exclusive use of the United States.
5. Noting that Mexico could catch up to [3,500] metric tons in any year within the biennial limit under Resolution C-18-01, Mexico may catch up to [3,500] metric tons in 2021, and any catches that exceed 3,000 metric tons[[2]](#footnote-3) shall be subtracted from the catch limit to be adopted for 2022. The catch limit for Mexico will be subtracted and reserved from the total catch limit in paragraph 3 for the exclusive use of Mexico.
6. Any over-harvest shall be deducted from catch limit in the following year in accordance with Paragraph 3 of Resolution C-18-02 [Amendment to Resolution C-16-08]. Over-harvest of the biennial catch limits established in Resolution C-18-01 shall be deducted from catch limits applicable to this Resolution.
7. Under-harvest of biennial catch limits established in Resolution C-18-01 shall be added to catch limits applicable to this Resolution in accordance with Paragraph 4 of Resolution C-18-02.
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 meeting of the IATTC in 2021, the Scientific Staff shall present the results of the 2020 fishing season in this regard for the Commission’s review. CPCs shall take the necessary measures to ensure that the catch limits specified in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 are not exceeded in 2021.
9. In 2021, each CPC shall report its catches to the Director weekly after 50% of its annual catch limit in each year is reached.
10. The Director will send out notices to all CPCs when 75% and 90% of the limits in Paragraphs 3, 4, or 5 have been reached. The Director will send out a notice to all CPCs when the limits in Paragraphs 3, 4 or 5 have been reached. CPCs shall take the necessary internal measures to avoid exceeding the limits established in Paragraphs 3, 4 or 5.
11. By January 31,2021, the Director shall notify all CPCs of the catch limit for 2021 established Paragraphs 3, 4, and 5 of this resolution that considers any over-harvest or under-harvest in accordance with Paragraphs 6 and 7 of this Resolution and Paragraphs 3 and 4 of Resolution C-18-02 [Amendment to Resolution C-16-08].
12. In 2021, 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, and conservation and management measures for Pacific bluefin tuna adopted by the WCPFC. The Commission shall consider new management measures to apply beyond 2021 based on the best available information, including the latest assessment, recruitment information, projections or other relevant information..
13. Taking into consideration the outcomes of the Joint IATTC-WCPFC NC Working Group on Pacific bluefin tuna and meetings of the WCPFC, the Commission shall review this Resolution and consider revising the catch limits established in this resolution, taking into account the need for an equitable distribution of catch, during the 2021 Annual Meeting of the IATTC.
1. 300 metric tons shall be adjusted to add carry-over of under-harvest in accordance with Paragraph 7 of this Resolution. [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
2. 3000 metric tons shall be adjusted to add carry-over of under-harvest in accordance with Paragraph 7 of this Resolution. [↑](#footnote-ref-3)