

ICCAT 2010



17th Special Meeting of the Commission
19 - 27 November Paris, France

2010 U.S. Priorities

- Bluefin
- Swordfish
- Bigeye
- Marlins
- Sharks
- Compliance, compliance, compliance



What did ICCAT do?

We saved...



turtles, sharks
and trees!



Panel 1



- **Bigeye Tuna**

- Rollover 04-01 for ~~2010~~ 2011
- TAC 85,000; Developing coastal state "limit" 3,500 mt; Other harvesters under 2100 mt: no limit
- Carry forward cap (30%) included
- Taiwan allowed to move 7 vessels from the Indian Ocean
- Strong EU/Japan proposal w/ improved T/A closure does not pass (observers)



Panel 2

- **Western Bluefin Tuna**
 - Difficult negotiations with Canada
 - TAC reduced from 1800 to 1750 mt
 - Mexico, France (OT), UK (OT) included in allocation
 - Possible quota transfer of 86.5 mt from Mexico to Canada approved for 2011 & 2012
 - Monthly reporting of provisional catches agreed

• Eastern Bluefin Tuna

- One year measure
- TAC at 12,900 mt (13,500 mt) until changed
- Overage paybacks (EU, Tunisia)
- Catches for 2011 & 2012 < 11,500 mt
- New allocation key
 - Libya, Turkey & Egypt gain
 - Algeria loses
- Increased monitoring and control measures
 - Observers on towing vessels
 - Approval of capacity reduction plans





Panel 4

Northern Swordfish

- One year rollover (again)
- TAC remains at 13,700 mt (no reduction)
- U.S. allocation preserved
- Some developing nations receive hard TAC
- All parties to submit fishery management and development plans
- Multi-year plan to be developed in 2011
- Next assessment 2012

- **Billfish**

- Blue marlin/white marlin measure extended for one year (blue marlin assessment this year, white marlin next year)
- Brazil proposed reducing catches of blue marlin from 50% to 67% of '96/'99 levels; not adopted due to concerns with management of artisanal fisheries and importance of directed fisheries to some developing nations
- Brazil proposed a sailfish measure that included live release in PLL and 95% release in recreational fisheries; not adopted due to concerns with management of artisanal fisheries

- **Sharks**

- **Oceanic whitetip shark**

- Retention prohibited (in ICCAT fisheries)
 - Report dead discards and live releases

- **Hammerhead sharks**

- Retention prohibited (in ICCAT fisheries) for all species except bonnethead shark
 - Hammerheads caught by developing coastal CPCs for local consumption exempt
 - these parties must endeavor not to increase catches
 - ensure that sharks (or shark parts) do not enter international trade

- Shortfin mako shark

- U.S. proposal for catch limits (N&S Atlantic, then N. Atlantic) not adopted
- Measure adopted that reinforces current measure reducing mortality on N. Atlantic stock
- Requires reporting on actions taken to COC
- No Task I data, no retention

- Fins attached

- Originally all sharks
- Revised to fresh product
- Forwarded to next year

- **Porbeagle shark**

- EU proposal for prohibition on retention
- Canada wanted an exception for its fishery
- EU was not willing to compromise
- measure not adopted

- **Common thresher shark**

- EU proposed prohibition on retention
- Questions regarding scientific basis
- Not adopted

- **Sea Turtles**

- U.S. proposal with a huge cast of co-sponsors adopted
- Purse seine vessels to avoid encircling sea turtles, release those that are (including those tangled in FADs)
- PLL fishermen must be trained in safe handling and release; must carry and use equipment
- Each CPC required to report turtle interactions
- SCRS to initiate an impact assessment by 2013
- Calls for capacity building

Compliance Committee

- Many sessions
- Step-by-step review
 - Reporting requirements
 - Quotas, catch limits
 - Implementation of MCS measures
- Who recommends sanctions to COC?
- In 2009 all but four parties received letters of identification or letters of concern (~3/4 were letters of identification)
- What to do with repeat offenders?



- Left to the Chair to recommend actions
- Resulted in 23 letters of identification, 23 letters of concern
- U.S. received letter of concern regarding implementation of SWO statistical document program
- A February intersessional meeting of Compliance Committee was approved to consider eastern bluefin tuna and other COC matters

PWG

- Dr. Rebecca Lent elected Chair
- Adopted proposal for minimum observer coverage - 5% by effort
- Progress made on Port States Measures - deferred until 2011 meeting
- Progress on electronic bluefin CDS with intent to have it fully operational in 2012





Plenary

- Panel restructuring (implement in 2012?)
 - Panel 1: tropical tunas
 - Panel 2: temperate tunas
 - Panel 3: Sharks and bycatch species
 - Panel 4: Swordfish and billfish
- SCRS guidelines on data confidentiality adopted
- Next Commission meeting 11 - 19 November (COC starts 9-10 November) in Istanbul

