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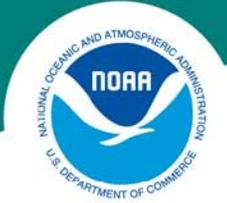
ICCAT 2008 & 2009

Review and Preview

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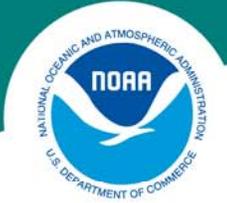
2008 ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions

- 08-01 – Bigeye tuna conservation and management
- 08-02 – Rebuilding program for north Atlantic swordfish
- 08-04 – Rebuilding program for western bluefin tuna
- 08-05 – Recovery plan for eastern bluefin tuna
- 08-06 – Bluefin tuna research on stock origin and mixing
- 08-07 – Bigeye Thresher Sharks
- 08-08 – Porbeagle Sharks



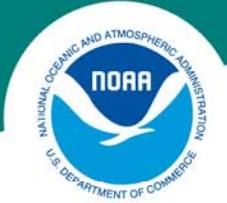
2008 ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions cont.

- 08-09 – Review and Reporting of Compliance Information
- 08-10 – Harmonization of the Vessel Length
- 08-12 – Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation



08-01 Bigeye Tuna (BET)

- Rolled over all provisions including catch limits through 2009
 - U.S. catch limit remains unspecified* (<2,100 mt in 1999)
- Requested SCRS to evaluate the following before the 2009 meeting for implementation by 2010:
 - Port sampling programs to collect fishery data on BET, YFT, & SKJ that are caught by purse seine and baitboat fisheries in GoG.
 - Closure contained in joint proposal from Ghana/Cote D'Ivoire (Annex 1)



08-02 North Atlantic Swordfish (NSWO)

- Extended 2006 Supplemental Recommendation on NSWO Rebuilding (06-02) unchanged through 2009
 - U.S. NSWO quota and quota share unchanged (3,907 mt ww)(30.49%)
 - Retained U.S. ability to harvest up to 200 mt of quota between 5 deg. N & 5 deg. S.
 - Allocation of U.S. underharvest to other CPCs unchanged (1,345 mt ww)
 - Carryforward limitations unchanged (50%)
 - Transfer provisions unchanged (15%)



08-04 Rebuilding Program for Western Bluefin Tuna (WBFT)

- TAC reduced from 2,100 mt to 1,900 mt for 2009 and 1,800 mt for 2010
 - Intended to rebuild stock by 2019 and end overfishing by 2010 with > 75% probability standard
 - 95 mt to Mexico, incl. bycatch in GoM, 'off the top'
 - Quota allocations to be renegotiated in 2010 with all directed fishing allocations in allocation table (MEX)
- School BFT 10% tolerance balancing period now 2009-2010 (2 years vs. 4 years)
- 50% cap on carryforward will ↓ to 10% after 2010



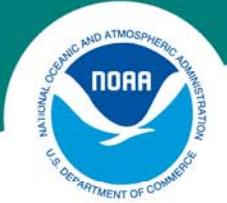
08-05 Recovery plan for Eastern Bluefin Tuna

- TACs (mt) reduced - - to be renegotiated in 2010
2009: from 27,500 to 22,000
2010: from 25,500 to 19,950
2011: will be 18,500 (10,000 mt less than 2008 TAC)
- Quota allocations to be renegotiated in 2010
- Purse seine closure extended 15 days (from July 1 to June 15), with exception for bad weather
- Freezes fleet/farming capacity & requires fleet capacity reductions by 2013 to make capacity commensurate with quotas
- Strengthens monitoring and control elements (observer programs, caging operations reporting)
- Requires parties to establish fleet IVQs



08-06 Bluefin Tuna Research on Stock Origin and Mixing

- Requests CPCs to collect otoliths and tissue samples and participate in traditional tagging studies to help resolve stock origin and mixing questions
- Encourages CPCs to:
 - make a portion of their BFT quota allocations available for research
 - notify SCRS of existing historical collections of otoliths and other biological samples
 - work with industry groups to obtain representative samples from various fisheries



Shark Recommendations and Resolutions

- Rec. 08-07 – Bigeye Thresher Sharks
 - Requires live release of bigeye thresher sharks that are brought to the boat alive
 - Requires CPCs to report bigeye thresher shark bycatch, including live releases
- Rec. 08-08 Porbeagle Shark
 - Establishes joint ICCAT-ICES meeting to further assess porbeagles (June 29-July 3)
 - Possible follow-on ICCAT-NAFO Chair's meeting to discuss management issues



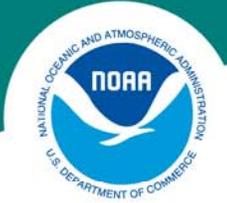
08-10 – Harmonization of Vessel Length

- Specifies that the length of a vessel referred to in ICCAT recommendations refers to length overall
 - distance measured in a straight line between the foremost point of the bow and aftermost point of the stern
 - consistent with the USCG definition of LOA used for simplified measurement
 - Does not include bowsprits, rudders, outboard motor brackets, swim platforms, and etc.
 - Usable for vessels <79' and recreational vessels
 - Potential consistency issues



Bluefin Catch/Statistical Document Programs

- Recommendation 08-11
 - Amended language in 10 recommendations and three resolutions to include references to “catch” documents vs. statistical documents
- Recommendation 08-12 Bluefin Tuna Catch Documentation Program Amendment
 - Rec 07-10 implemented ICCAT bluefin tuna catch documentation (BCD) program, effective in United States on July 2, 2008
 - Rec 08-12 amended the BCD program with clarifications and minor adjustments, and replaced 07-10.
 - Amendment affecting United States added data field for identification of export destination to BCD form and bluefin tuna re-export certificate



2009 Preview

- Stock assessments
- Selected anticipated Issues
- Questions/comments



2009 Stock Assessments

- Atlantic Sailfish Stock (E & W) Assessment – June 1-5
- Joint ICES-ICCAT Porbeagle shark assessment session – June 29- July 3
- Atlantic Albacore Stock (N&S) Assessment – July 13-18
- Atlantic Swordfish Stock (N & S) Assessment – September 1-5



Selected Issues 2009: NSW0

- New assessment (Sept 2009)
- TAC (14,000)
- Allocation of catch shares
- Carryover of underage
—Current limit of 50%



Selected Issues 2009: SSWO

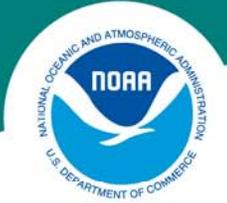
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- Catch limits (TAC 17,000 mt)
- Carryover of underage



Selected Issues 2009: BET

- Gulf of Guinea Closure/Small fish issues
 - >70% of BET taken (in number of fish) <3.2kg
 - Recruit into U.S. fisheries
 - Closure to FAD fishing
 - Port Sampling - Collect fishery data for BET, YFT, SKJ, in all ports receiving fish from vicinity of closed area
- TAC
 - Quota and allocation, including small harvesters



Selected Issues 2009: Sharks

- Joint porbeagle assessment meeting with ICES
- Result could provide additional impetus for additional ICCAT management measures
- Multiple shark recommendations considered in 2008
 - Shortfin mako
 - Hammerhead
 - Blue sharks
 - Bigeye thresher
- Sharks expected to be in ICCAT agenda in 2009



Selected Issues 2009: Albacore

- Atlantic Albacore Stock (N&S) Assessment (July)
- TAC (30,200 mt)
- TAC Allocation
 - Discussions possible
 - EC allocation (25,462 mt) ~6 x larger than next largest allocation (CT 3,950)
 - U.S. annual allocation 538 mt; 2007 catches = 532 mt; Adjusted 2008 quota 841 mt
- Carryforward
 - Limit of 25; stock piling a potential issue

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Discussion

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Questions?

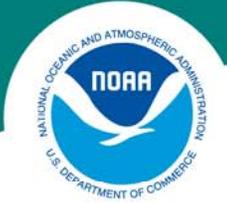
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Concerns?

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BACKUP SLIDES



2009 Intercessional Meetings

March 24-27, 2009

CoC Intercessional

August 31-Sept 3, 2009

Working Group on the
Future of ICCAT

Nov. 13, 2009

Working Group on Sport and
Recreational Fisheries

Nov. 14-15, 2009

Compliance Committee
Meeting



Bonus NSWO Quota Distribution & Use

	06Q	BQ	TQ	2007	%T Taken 2007
Barbados	25	20	45	27	60.0%
Belize	0	130	130	8.7	6.7%
Cote d'Ivoire	0	50	50	N/A	N/A
France (SPM)	35	5	40	10	25.0%
Korea	0	50	50	37	74.0%
Mexico	110	90	200	35	17.5%
Morocco	335	515	850	229	26.9%
Philippines	0	25	25	0	0.0%
Senegal	0	400	400	38	9.5%
StVG	0	75	75	51	68.0%
Vanuatu	0	25	25	N/A	N/A