

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

RESOLUTION ON FISHING BY VESSELS OF NON-PARTIES

June 2001

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), at its 68th Meeting, held June 19-21, 2001, in San Salvador, El Salvador,

Hereby agrees as follows:

1. That the Director shall compile, based on observer reports and other available information, a list of vessels identified as fishing in the eastern Pacific Ocean that do not meet one of the following criteria: 1) the vessel is operating under the jurisdiction of a member to the Commission; or 2) the vessel is operating under the jurisdiction of a non-member that is cooperating with the IATTC by applying the IATTC's conservation and management measures.
2. For each vessel identified pursuant to paragraph 1, that the Director send a letter to the competent national authority of the flag state and request information regarding the status of the vessel. In particular, such communication should request that the flag state provide information regarding whether the vessel is authorized by the flag state to engage in fishing activities in the eastern Pacific Ocean and, if so, whether the flag state is prepared and able to apply the relevant conservation and management measures of the IATTC with respect to the operation of the vessel in question.
3. That the Director shall present an annual report to the Commission, which should include a list of vessels identified pursuant to paragraph 1 and the responses to all inquiries sent pursuant to paragraph 2.
4. If, on the basis of this report, the IATTC determines that the vessel in question is not meeting the criteria of paragraph 2, or that the flag state is not prepared and able to apply the IATTC's conservation and management measures in respect of the vessel in question, the vessel shall be placed on the list of non-cooperating vessels. In such case, the vessel shall not be included in the Regional Vessel Register.