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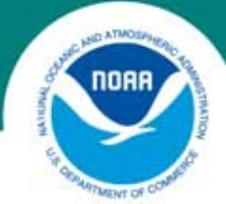


# ICCAT 2010

## Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Domestic Implementation

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## 2010 ICCAT Recommendations and Resolutions

- 10-01 – Bigeye tuna conservation and management
- 10-02 – Rebuilding program for north Atlantic swordfish
- 10-03 – Western bluefin tuna rebuilding program
- 10-04 – Recovery plan for Eastern bluefin tuna
- 10-05 – Rebuilding plan for blue and white marlin
- 10-06 – Conservation of shortfin mako sharks
- 10-07 – Conservation of oceanic whitetip sharks
- 10-08 – Conservation of hammerhead sharks
- 10-09 – Conservation of sea turtles
- 10-10 – Minimum standards for scientific observers
- 10-11 – Electronic BCD program



## 10-01 Bigeye Tuna (BET)

- Extended provisions from 09-01 through 2011
- TAC is 85,000 t
- U.S. catch limit remains unspecified\* (<2,100 mt in 1999)
- The 30% limit on carry over of underharvest was eliminated and all underages or overages can be added to quotas in 2012
- Chinese Taipei was authorized an increase of 7 additional vessels for 2011
- No change needed domestically



## 10-02 North Atlantic Swordfish (NSWO)

- Extended 06-02 and 09-02 Supplemental Recommendation on NSWO Rebuilding through 2011
- TAC is 13,700 t; total allocated is 15,345 t
- Developing CPCs receive quota from TAC - not U.S. underharvest
- U.S. NSWO quota unchanged (3,907 mt ww)
- Retained U.S. ability to harvest up to 200 mt of quota between 5 deg. N & 5 deg. S.
- Carry over limitations unchanged (50%)
- Transfer provisions unchanged (15%)
- CPCs required to submit a fishery development/management plan to the Commission



## 2011 Swordfish Specifications

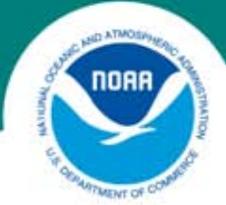
- Preparing 2011 proposed specifications

SWO SPECS	2010	2011
NSWO Base	2,937.6 mt dw	2,937.6 mt dw
NSWO Adjusted	4,406.4 mt dw	4,406.4 mt dw
SSWO Base	75.2 mt dw	75.2 mt dw
SSWO Adjusted	75.2 mt dw	75.2 mt dw



## 10-03 Rebuilding Program for Western Bluefin Tuna (WBFT)

- TAC reduced from 1,800 mt to 1,750 mt for 2011 and 2012 (inclusive of dead discards)
  - U.S. baseline quota is 923.7 mt
    - Expected to allow for continued stock growth under the both the low and high stock recruitment scenarios
    - Mexico (95 mt), UK and France (4 mt each) now on allocation table, but net effect (mt) for 2011 and 2012 the same as for 2010
- Maintained 2-year balancing period for school BFT tolerance: no more than 10% for 2011-2012
- 10% cap on carryforward on underharvest now applies
  - U.S. carryforward from 2010 to 2011 limited to 94.9 mt



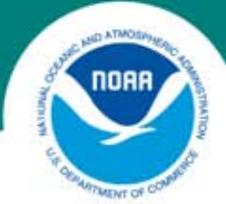
## 10-05 Rebuilding Plan for Blue & White Marlin

- Recommendation 06-09 to rebuild Atlantic blue and white marlin populations extended through 2011
- CPCs agree to establish a multi-year rebuilding plan for blue and white marlin based on SCRS advice at the 2011 meeting
- No change needed domestically



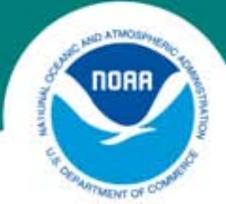
## 10-06 Shortfin Mako Shark Recommendation

- Requires CPCs to include information in National Reports on implementation of Recs 04-10, 05-05 and 07-06 and steps taken to improve Task I and II data collection
- CPCs that do not report Task I data will be prohibited from retaining this species beginning in 2013
- Requests that SCRS conduct a stock assessment in 2012
- Requests the SCRS to complete and circulate the shark ID guide before the 2011 annual meeting
- No changes needed domestically



## 10-07 Oceanic Whitetip Shark Recommendation

- Prohibits the retention, transshipping, landing, storing and selling of oceanic whitetip sharks caught in association with ICCAT fisheries
- Requires CPCs to record through observer programs discards with indication of status (dead or alive) and report it to the Commission
- Domestic rulemaking underway to implement recommendation in the appropriate fisheries



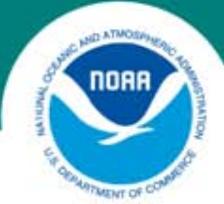
## 10-08 Hammerhead Shark Recommendation

- Prohibits the retention, transshipping, landing, storing and selling of hammerhead sharks in the family *Sphyrnidae* (except for bonnethead sharks) caught in association with ICCAT fisheries
- Requires CPCs to record through observer programs discards with indication of status (dead or alive) and report it to the Commission
- Requests CPCs to implement hammerhead research in the Convention area to help identify nursery areas
- Domestic rulemaking underway to implement recommendation in the appropriate fisheries



## 10-09 Recommendation on bycatch of sea turtles

- Requires CPCs to collect, and report to ICCAT, interactions of its fleets with sea turtles by gear type
- Requires purse seine vessels to avoid encircling turtles and to release encircled or entangled turtles where possible
- Requires PLL vessels to carry on board, safe handling and release gear and be trained in use of gear
- Requires the SCRS to initiate an assessment, no later than 2013, on the impact of incidental catch of sea turtles in ICCAT fisheries
- No domestic action necessary



## Proposed rule to require weak hooks on PLL vessels in GOM

- Can allow incidentally hooked bluefin tuna (BFT) to escape capture because the hooks are more likely to bend and potentially straighten when a large fish is hooked
- Increase the survival of spawning BFT in the GOM, particularly the 2003 year class
- Enhance BFT stock rebuilding by increasing spawning potential and subsequent recruitment into the fishery
- Minimize negative ecological impacts of the PLL fishery on non-target or protected species
- Reduce the need for BFT sub-quota reallocation from directed fisheries (or the Reserve) to cover PLL BFT bycatch
- Proposed rule published January 13, 2011, comment period ended February 12, 2011



## Discussion

Thank you for your attention

Questions?

Comments?

Concerns?