

June 7, 2021

TO: Heads of Delegation, Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

FROM:

Dear Delegate:

As organizations concerned with the conservation of tuna stocks in the IATTC area of jurisdiction, we have taken note of the special Extraordinary virtual session of the Commission to be held June 7-10, 2021. Further, we note that multiple proposals have been submitted thus far for consideration to address the management of yellowfin and bigeye tunas in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

The concerned organizations undersigned here strongly urge the Commission to use this Extraordinary meeting to build consensus toward the ***adoption of a multiannual conservation and management measure for yellowfin and bigeye tunas that is precautionary and based on scientific advice, which effectively limits fishing pressure and includes additional measures to monitor and manage the use of FADs.***

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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