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ATTN: Heads of Delegation to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC)

**19 Environmental Organizations Call on the IATTC
to Adopt Management Procedures for Key Tuna Stocks**

As leading environmental organizations focused on global tuna fisheries, we recognize the importance of management procedures (harvest strategies) as a tool for effectively managing the long-term health of tuna stocks. Therefore, at its 103rd annual meeting in September 2025, we call on the Commission to advance management procedures by:

- **Adopting a management procedure for Pacific bluefin tuna**
- **Adopting management objectives to guide the bigeye tuna management strategy evaluation to enable harvest strategy adoption in 2026**
- **Cooperating with WCPFC to develop a stock-wide management procedure for Southern albacore**

In addition to these important actions, we also ask the IATTC to:

- Protect the health of the yellowfin and bigeye tuna stocks, **maintain the purse seine closures outlined in Resolution C-24-01** until an MSE-tested management procedure is adopted for bigeye in 2026.
- Adopt effective measures to **control catch of Southern Albacore**.
- **Immediately increase observer coverage rates** for large-scale longline and small-scale purse seine vessels and adopt a timeline to reach 100% coverage.
- **Adopt a seabird conservation management measure** that reflects up-to-date scientific advice on best practice.

As a delegate to the IATTC, we urge your government to support efforts to adopt proposals or take other actions to address the important issues noted above this year.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

