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Resolution

On the commercial fishing for blue fin tuna (*Thunnus thunnus*)

The European Anglers Alliance, representing 16 European nations and over 5 million anglers, held its 7th General Assembly on the 31 March and 1 April in Paris (France), and discussed the situation of the blue fin tuna.

As a result of the attached manifest of the French Federation of Sea Anglers (FFSA), endorsed by the International Game Fish Association (IGFA) as shown by their attached letter of 30 March 2000, following and on top of the attached EAA Strasbourg resolution of 1996 and the EAA resolution taken in Holland 2000, alarmed by the lack of enforcement of the recommendations of the ICCAT Scientific Committee.

The European Anglers Alliance urges both ICCAT and the European Union about commercial fishing for blue fin tuna:

- to enforce the minimum size of 6,4 kg;
- to enforce the quotas set by ICCAT;
- to bring a total halt to fishing by trawlers using lines and seine nets during the breeding season (late May to mid-July) in the spawning grounds off the Balearic Islands;
- to organise and carry out effective checks and inspections on boats working during the closed season as recommended by ICCAT and the European Union