

8TH MEETING OF THE SPRFMO COMMISSION

Port Vila, Vanuatu, 14 to 18 February 2020

COMM 8 – Prop 03.2
Explanatory Note to Proposal 03
Ecuador

Manta, Ecuador Dec 23, 2019

TO: ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS / COOPERATING NON- CONTRACTING PARTIES AND OBSERVERS

SUBJECT: Ecuador consents to open its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ), seeking to achieve in the CMM 01-2020 the increase of allocation and ensuring the long-term conservation and sustainable management of Jack Mackerel

DEAR ALL:

Taking into account the special needs of Ecuador as a developing coastal state to develop the Jack Mackerel Fishery in the Convention Area, for which it requires a quota allocation that would allow to evolve this fishery as Member of SPRFMO.

Based on a technical socio-economic study carried out by Ecuador, it was determined that a minimum of 6,500 tonnes are required to operate a used vessel in a sustainable economic way and 12,900 tonnes for a new vessel.

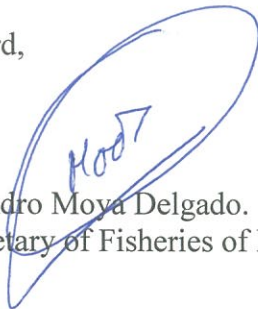
On the same line, it is not only important but necessary that the Commission considers the historical catches of Jack Mackerel by Ecuador, which were not estimated in February 2017 when it was established the distribution percentage of the quota allocation and the good stock status as established by the Scientific Committee in the report SC7-2019. In this meeting, it was also analysed the actual health condition of the aforementioned resource.

Consequently, Ecuador formally requests for 2020 the allocation of a top-up catch in its catch limit that would allow Ecuador to reach 12,900 MT to operate a New Vessel.

With this objective, Ecuador has decided to give the express consent to open its Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in order to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable management of Jack Mackerel, in accordance with the objectives of the Convention. {in accordance with the Article 20(4) (a) (iii)}.

Ecuador, due to the special nature of its proposal, does not rule out the possibility that it will be approved by the Commission outside of the CMM 01-2020 as a special decision.

Best Regard,



Ab. Alejandro Moya Delgado.
Undersecretary of Fisheries of Ecuador.