



The Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Challenge

Sustaining a High-Value Migratory Species in a Highly Impacted Ocean

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Shana Miller, Executive Director, Tag-A-Giant Foundation

Shana Miller is Director of the Tag-A-Giant Fund (TAG), which is dedicated to ensuring a future for northern bluefin tuna by supporting the scientific research necessary to develop innovative and effective policy and conservation initiatives. Ms. Miller is a member of NOAA's Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel and the U.S. ICCAT Advisory Committee. She completed her Master's Degree at Stanford University through the Tag-A-Giant research program led by Dr. Barbara A. Block and holds a B.A. in biology from Cornell University.

Dr. Guillermo Diaz, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA

Dr. Guillermo Diaz is a Research Fisheries Biologist with NOAA Fisheries. He regularly participates as a member of the US delegation to the meetings of ICCAT's Scientific Committee, and as such, has participated in numerous stock assessments of tuna and tuna-like species. In addition, he has conducted research on the biological aspects of bluefin tuna. He regularly briefs NOAA leadership on issues related to ICCAT. Dr. Diaz received his PhD in Marine Biology and Fisheries from the University of Miami.

Robert Hayes, General Counsel, Coastal Conservation Association

Mr. Bob Hayes has had a life-long practice in public policy focused on international trade, energy, and natural resources. While with the federal government he served in several capacities in NOAA and NMFS as a regional attorney; the Southeast Regional Counsel; the Deputy General Counsel for Fisheries; and the Director of the Office of Industry Services. Mr. Hayes has been active in legislation to amend the Endangered Species Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and the Clean Water Act; and he has advised the Departments of State and Commerce on international trade and natural resource policy, in

addition to being an ICCAT Commissioner. Mr. Hayes was also a partner in the Washington, DC offices of two west coast law firms, Bogle & Gates and Ball Janik, for twenty years. He is presently the general counsel for the Coastal Conservation Association, the Center for Coastal Conservation, and the American Sportfishing Association.

Lee Crockett, Director, Federal Fisheries Policy Reform Project, Pew

Mr. Crockett joined the Pew Environmental Group as its director of Federal Fisheries Policy in 2007, and oversees two projects focused on ending overfishing under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and closing the Gulf of Mexico to surface long-line fishing. Prior to joining Pew he was the Executive Director of the Marine Fish Conservation Network for almost 10 years. Mr. Crockett has also been a fishery biologist with NOAA Fisheries, for four years, and a professional staff member of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries, for eight years. He received his BS in Biology and MS in Biological Oceanography from the University of Connecticut, following four years in the US Coast Guard.

Rich Ruais, Executive Director, American Bluefin Tuna Association and Blue Water Fishermen's Association

Mr. Rich Ruais has been involved with fishery management issues professionally since 1978. His involvement began with the New England Fishery Management Council. He left the Fishery Management Council as the Deputy Executive Director in 1991, to become the Executive Director of the East Coast Tuna Association, the largest and oldest association of commercial and charter boats fishing for giant bluefin tuna in the United States. Around 2006 Rich also became the Executive Director of the Blue Water Fishermen's Association, representing the pelagic longline fishery, which harvests primarily swordfish and tuna throughout the Atlantic Ocean. Rich has served on the US ICCAT Advisory Committee, and US delegation to ICCAT, every year since 1992. He has also been a member of the National Marine Fisheries Service Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel since its inception in the late 1990s. Further, he has testified numerous times before both the Senate and US House of Representatives on large pelagic issues and proposed changes related to highly migratory species to the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act and the Magnuson-Stevens Act.