



Stop Eco-Certification of Swordfish and Tuna Longline Fisheries

To Marine Stewardship Council and MRAG Americas: We urge you to immediately halt the Marine Stewardship Council sustainable certification of the tuna and swordfish longline fisheries along the Florida coast due to high bycatch. Longline fishing is known to hook and injure or kill endangered and threatened sea turtles, marine mammals, seabirds and fish species including bluefin tuna, billfish, rays and

shark. Certifying the fishery with an “eco-label” would misinform people who eat swordfish and tuna about the true harm to the oceans from longlining. Tuna and swordfish are also high in mercury and unsafe for mothers and children to eat. Please halt certification and remove all pelagic longline fisheries from consideration for Marine Stewardship Council certification.

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