

ENFORCEMENT CONSULTANTS REPORT ON  
NMFS REPORT ON HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES MANAGEMENT

As stated in his May 17, 2002 letter, Mr. Ben Fuss states the California registered purse seine vessels would sell the bluefin tuna at sea. This is prohibited by the California Fish and Game Code and Business and Professions Code.

California Department of Fish and Game enforcement staff have discussed this with Mr. Fuss recently. To resolve this, the fishing vessels would need to be contracted employees of the company and not make illegal sales at sea. The Enforcement Consultants request a condition of the permit require the purse seiners to act as employees under the umbrella of the company and not conduct prohibited sales/purchases at sea.

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