



Support the Marine Mammal Import Rule

Turtle Island Restoration Network

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Why this matters:

Mexico Decertified!

Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006

Certification Determination for Mexico's 2013 Identification for Bycatch of North Pacific Loggerhead Sea Turtles

they will be implemented. There are specific concerns regarding the effectiveness of the observer program and its ability to support the implementation of the mortality cap.

Certification. After a thorough analysis of Mexico's regulatory program, NMFS determined that the Government of Mexico has established a management plan to assist in the collection of species-specific data to support stock assessment and conservation efforts, but has not adopted a regulatory program to end or reduce bycatch that is comparable in effectiveness to that of the United States, taking into account different conditions that could bear on the feasibility and efficacy of these measures. Based on this finding, NMFS made a negative preliminary certification determination for Mexico for its bycatch identification.

Next Steps. Nations negatively certified will remain negatively certified until the Secretary of Commerce determines that the nation has taken the necessary actions pursuant to the Moratorium Protection Act to receive a positive certification. NMFS will continue to work with Mexico to



Support the MMPA Import rule

Strengthen the import rule:

- Remove exemption for “fish products”*
- Count domestic fisheries bycatch*
- Speed up implementation*