

eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, including species or stocks not within waters under the jurisdiction of the United States; and

(D) projects to determine the extent to which the incidental take of nontarget species, including juvenile tuna, occurs in the course of purse seine fishing for yellowfin tuna in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, the geographic location of the incidental take, and the impact of that incidental take on tuna stocks and nontarget species.

(c) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.--

(1) There are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary the following amounts, to be used by the Secretary to carry out the research described in subsection (a):

(A) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 1998.

(B) \$3,000,000 for fiscal year 1999.

(C) \$4,000,000 for fiscal year 2000.

(D) \$1,000,000 for fiscal year 2001.

(2) In addition to the amount authorized to be appropriated under paragraph (1), there are authorized to be appropriated to the Secretary for carrying out this section \$3,000,000 for each of the fiscal years 1998, 1999, 2000, and 2001.

## **Reports by the Secretary**

### ***16 U.S.C. 1415***

**Sec. 305.** Notwithstanding section 103(f), the Secretary shall submit annual reports to the Congress which include--

(1) results of research conducted pursuant to section 304;

(2) a description of the status and trends of stocks of tuna;

(3) a description of the efforts to assess, avoid, reduce, and minimize the bycatch of juvenile yellowfin tuna and bycatch of nontarget species;

(4) a description of the activities of the International Dolphin Conservation Program and of the efforts of the United States in support of the program's goals and objectives, including the protection of dolphin stocks in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean, and an assessment of the effectiveness of the program;

(5) actions taken by the Secretary under section 101(a)(2)(B) and section 101(d);

(6) copies of any relevant resolutions and decisions of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission, and any regulations promulgated by the Secretary under this title; and

(7) any other information deemed relevant by the Secretary.

## **Permits**

### ***16 U.S.C. 1416***