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PUERTO PEÑASCO, SONORA

Thursday, July 28, 2005.

We, the undersigned, have come together with the commitment to:

- 1) Include the fishermen, for their own benefit and that of their communities, in the decisions and efforts to protect the vaquita and its habitat in the Upper Gulf of California.
- 2) Creation of a system of economic compensation to those affected by the measures to be taken.

Toward these ends we agreed to:

I) Eliminate the capture of the vaquita

- 1) Invite the International Committee for the Recovery of the Vaquita (CIRVA) to present the results of its investigations and to have a dialogue with respect to these.
- 2) Invite the (Mexican) Technical Consultative Subcommittee (of CIRVA) to meet with this group to agree on its recovery strategy.
- 3) Implement immediate measures to protect the vaquita beginning September 2005. These measures could include:
 - a) Elimination of gill nets with mesh size of 6 inches and above, substituting them for different gear and/or reasonable compensation.
 - b) Not allowing unattended gill nets (without the presence of a fisherman)
 - c) Establishing an observer program for the September 2005 shrimp fishing season.
- 4) We commit to promote these agreements in our communities.
- 5) Present this agreement to Sagarpa, Conapesca, Semarnat and state governments to urge them to support this process and to ensure that the legal measures for the protection of the vaquita are consistent with this agreement.

II) Agreement for the eradication of illegal fishing in the Upper Gulf

- 1) Establish a Social Pact, committing the communities to eliminate illegal fishing.
- 2) Develop a census of traditional fishermen in the next 20 days and promote their regularization before the fisheries authorities.
- 3) Increase monitoring with the participation of the communities and resources from other sources, sought by NRDC and OGP.
- 4) Establish community measures for the eradication--with zero tolerance--of illegal fishing.
- 5) Undertake an evaluation of fisheries effort to reach a rationalization and better viability of the fishery sector, considering the impact on the local economy.

III) Agreement for the improvement of the efficiency of the shrimp fishery of the Gulf of California

- 1) The fishermen of Puerto Peñasco commit to use 25“Spectra”nets in the high sea.
- 2) Develop a proposal to test the use of“shrimp hoppers”in San Felipe and Puerto Peñasco.
- 3) We will work together to transmit to the public the results of these efforts among the organizations, fishermen and the scientific community.
- 4) The fishermen of the Gulf of Santa Clara commit to test“environmental”[e.g. 4-stroke] engines; the environmental groups commit to seeking support for these measures.

OCEAN GARDEN and NRDC will publish press releases to publicize the above. NOS (Sustainable Northwest) commits to doing the same in Mexico.

Signed,

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