

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
SEVENTH SESSION (JWG-07)**

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Work Plan for Pacific Bluefin Tuna Management Strategy Evaluation

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United States of America

**WORK PLAN FOR PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
MANAGEMENT STRATEGY EVALUATION**

**Proposal by the United States of America
to the
Seventh WCPFC-NC and IATTC Joint Working Group Meeting
on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna**

Explanatory Note

The Joint Working Group (JWG) with assistance from the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) will be undertaking a Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) process to develop a long-term harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna. In 2019, the JWG recommended a set of candidate reference points and harvest control rules, as well as Terms of Reference for an MSE. In 2021, the ISC recommended the JWG provide operational management objectives and performance indicators to make progress on an MSE. Depending on the work necessary and resources available, and acknowledging that a benchmark assessment is scheduled for 2024, the JWG may expect to have results of the MSE by 2025.

The following is a proposed work plan for conducting a MSE for Pacific bluefin tuna:

2022 (JWG7):

- JWG recommends a set of operational management objectives and performance indicators for use in an MSE process.
- JWG recommends that the ISC develop a technical work plan for the MSE process before JWG8 in 2023. This could include development of a set of MSE operating models differing in their structural uncertainty.
- If additional information is requested by the ISC from the JWG relevant to the MSE, the JWG should task its members to solicit input from its stakeholders and task itself to address this at JWG8, as appropriate.

2023 (JWG8):

- ISC to provide an overview of their technical workplan and any progress on the MSE, including but not limited to clarifications needed, to JWG8 in 2023.
- If additional information is requested by the ISC from the JWG relevant to the MSE, the JWG should task its members to solicit input from its stakeholders and task itself to address this at JWG9 in 2024, as appropriate.

2024 (JWG9):

- ISC to complete a benchmark assessment for PBF and JWG may expect an update on progress of MSE.
- If additional information is requested by the ISC from the JWG relevant to the MSE, the JWG should task its members to solicit input from its stakeholders and task itself to address this at JWG10 in 2025, as appropriate.

2025 (JWG10):

- ISC presents results from the MSE to JWG10 in 2025