

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

ELECTRONIC MEETING
09:00-13:00, Japan Standard Time
12-14 July 2022

Japan's comments to DP-14 (US Proposal on Work Plan for PBF MSE)

IATTC-NC-JWG07-2022/DP-16

Japan

Explanatory Note

Japan appreciates US initiative to submit IATTC-NC-JWG07-2022/DP-14 (Work Plan for Pacific Bluefin Tuna Management Strategy Evaluation). For the ease of discussion at the meeting, Japan submits written comments to the US Proposal, in track change.

The following is a proposed work plan for conducting a [Harvest Strategy \(including MSE\)](#) 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.](#)
- [JWG discusses Interim Harvest Strategy to be applied during the period from the year in which the stock is projected to achieve the second rebuilding target of 20%SSB0 to when a long-term harvest strategy based on MSE process is implemented.](#)

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.](#)
- [JWG adopts Interim Harvest Strategy to be applied during the period from the year in which the stock is projected to achieve the second rebuilding target of 20%SSB0 to when a long-term harvest strategy based on MSE process is implemented.](#)
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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.](#)
- [JWG adopts new management measures based on Interim Harvest Strategy.](#)

2025 (JWG10):

- ISC presents results from the MSE to JWG10 in 2025