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SMALL GROUP REPORT ON THE “SCIENTIFIC DATA TO BE PROVIDED TO THE COMMISSION”

WCPFC4-2007/21

Background

A small working group was convened by Keith Bigelow (USA, WCPFC SC vice-chair) on Tuesday morning, 4 December 2007 to discuss the following one (1) bracketed paragraph within the SC3 Summary Report on Scientific Data to be provided to the Commission (Attachment K, Appendix IV, p. 182):

[Catch and effort data aggregated by periods of month and areas of 5° longitude and 5° latitude that have been raised to represent the total catch and effort, and unraised longline catch and effort data stratified by the number of hooks between floats and the finest possible resolution of time period and geographic area, covering distant-water longliners may also be provided for the Pacific Ocean east of the eastern boundary of the WCPFC Statistical Area.]

Participants

Delegations present included Australia, Chinese-Taipei, FFA, Japan, Korea, SPC and USA.

Meeting Outcomes

There was consensus to remove the brackets and retain the paragraph as is. In addition, the WG acknowledged that further consideration on data sharing issues with the IATTC could be addressed in the Consultative Meeting between WCPFC and IATTC scheduled on Wednesday evening during the WCPFC4.