



VIRTUAL MEETING HELD 12-14 JULY 2022

*OUTCOMES OF THE 7TH
MEETING OF THE IATTC-
WCPFC NORTHERN
COMMITTEE JOINT
WORKING GROUP ON
PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA*

REPORT ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PBF MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- WCPFC CMM 2021-02 requires reports of member PBF activities to PBF catch through the convention area; while no similar reports are required for EPO activities by IATTC, the JWG has encouraged all JWG members to provide similar catch and management information
- Requests made for JWG-08 reports
 - Japan requested more information on imports and exports
 - US and Japan requested inclusion of members' recreational catch and monitoring information
- Catch and Effort summary tables for WCPO and EPO
 - JWG reviewed summary table for WCPO data prepared by WCPFC staff (Annex C of Summary Rpt)
 - Co Chair Miyahara asked that a similar table be available for the EPO for JWG08

REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PBF

- No changes are recommended were recommended for either IATTC Resolution c-21-05 or WCPFC CMM 2021-02

DEVELOPMENT OF LONG -TERM HARVEST STRATEGY (POST REBUILDING)

MSE Next Steps

- ISC reported on their work on developing operating models for the PBF MSE
- Operational Management Objectives are needed from the JWG to move forward
 - JWG discussed candidate operational management objectives based on four categories: safety, status, stability and yield but did not reach consensus
 - A list of objectives that were discussed can be found in Annex E of the Summary Report
 - JWG members were encouraged to seek further input from their stakeholders before JWG -08
 - JWG agreed to finalize the operational management objectives for use in the MSE at JWG-08
- Refinement of Candidate Reference Points and Harvest Control Rules
 - ISC encouraged the JWG to narrow the list adopted in 2019
 - JWG agreed to do so at JWG-08

DEVELOPMENT OF LONG -TERM HARVEST STRATEGY (POST REBUILDING)

Need for Interim Harvest Strategy (once 2nd rebuilding target reached)

- MSE Completion and Final Adoption of Long-term Harvest Strategy unlikely to be completed before 2nd rebuilding target reached
- Candidate Harvest Control rules were discussed (see Annex F) but no consensus was reached
- JWG agreed to finalize this Interim Harvest Strategy for recommendation to the RFMOs next year

Work Plan for Development of Long-term Harvest Strategy (including MSE)

- JWG adopted the work plan found in Annex G of the Chairs' Summary Report

OTHER OUTCOMES

- Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS)
 - The JWG reviewed the outcomes of the 3rd CDS Working Group Technical Meeting which was held just prior to the JWG meeting
- Next JWG meeting
 - Japan offered to host next year's meeting in conjunction with the NC19 meeting
 - Date to be determined but will be prior to the next IATTC plenary meeting
 - JWG recommends extending terms of co-chairs Lowman and Miyahara by one year