



**NORTHERN COMMITTEE  
Second Regular Session**

**11-13 September 2006  
Tokyo, Japan**

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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**WCPFC/NC2/04  
13<sup>th</sup> June 2006**

**AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING**

**1.1 Welcome**

The Chair (Mr Masanori Miyahara, Japan) will open the Second Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC2) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) at 10:00 on Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> September 2006 and welcome delegations of WCPFC Members, cooperating Non-members, participating territories and observers.

**1.2 Adoption of agenda**

The Chair will introduce the Provisional Agenda, WCPFC-NC2-2006/02. The Rules of Procedure adopted at WCPFC1 in December 2004 will apply *mutatus mutandis* until such time as the NC adopts its own Rules of Procedure (Rule 31).

According to the Rules of Procedure, the Committee will be asked how it wishes to deal with any supplementary items that were circulated at least twenty days before the opening of the meeting.

**1.3 Meeting arrangements**

The Chair will invite NC2 to review the Provisional Schedule (WCPFC/NC2/05) noting logistical arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social engagements.

**1.4 Election of Vice-Chair**

In accordance with the Commission's Rules of Procedure, a Northern Committee Vice-Chair must be elected to serve from the conclusion of the NC2 until the conclusion of the NC4 meeting in 2008.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2. ADVICE ON CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

### **2.1 Report from ISC and SC**

The NC2 will review the advice and recommendations from the International Scientific Committee (ISC) and the WCPFC Scientific Committee

- North Pacific albacore
- Northern Pacific bluefin
- Yellowfin
- Bigeye
- Striped marlin
- Northern stock of Swordfish
- Bycatch species

### **2.2 Conservation and management measures for the Northern Stocks and Area.**

The First Regular Session of the Northern Committee prepared a draft Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific albacore 2005-03 which is consistent with a similar measure adopted by IATTC. The NC draft Measure was subsequently adopted during the Second Regular Session of the Commission in 12-16 December 2005. At the third regular session, Commission will review this measure together with conservation and management measure of southern albacore 2005-02 (see paragraph 33 of Summary Record).

The First Regular Session of the Northern Committee also called for assessments of Pacific bluefin and northern stocks of swordfish. The NC, if appropriate, makes recommendations on the formulation and implementation of conservation and management measures for northern stocks.

### **2.3 Data needs for assessment of the northern stocks**

The First Regular Session of the Northern Committee, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005, agreed that the data needs in respect of northern stocks would be considered at NC2.

The Northern Committee will discuss data needs for the assessment of northern stocks.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4. FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

### **3.1 Work Programme for 2007**

The Northern Committee will consider and make recommendations for specific work plans for 2007 and the medium term. Specifically they will consider research priorities,

planning and coordination, associated costs and possible avenues for funding and achieving the work, including non-monetary contributions.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS**

### **4.1 ISC**

Since NC1 the WCPFC Secretariat and the Chairman of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) have further developed a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation, consultation and cooperation on research supporting the conservation and management of northern stocks.

NC2 will consider the latest draft of the MoU with the intention of refining it, as necessary and endorsing its signature by the Chairman of the Commission.

### **4.2 IATTC**

Since NC1 the Chairman of the WCPF Commission and the Chairman of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), supported by the respective secretariats, have further developed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for cooperation, consultation and cooperation on research supporting the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks and associated and dependent species in the Pacific Ocean. The MoU, which have also been presented to the 2006 annual session of IATTC at Busan, Korea, will be presented for the information of NC2.

The Northern Committee will provide any comments on the MoU.

### **4.3 Joint Meeting of Tuna RFMOs**

The meeting will be held in Kobe, Japan, during 22-26 January 2007. Arrangements of the meeting will be presented by Japan.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5. OTHER MATTERS**

### **5.1 Administrative arrangements for the Committee**

#### **5.1.1 Rules of Procedure**

Rule 31 of the Rules of Procedure provide that, subject to the provisions of the Convention, each subsidiary body of the Commission may formulate and submit to the Commission for approval such rules as may be necessary for the efficient conduct of its functions.

#### **5.1.2 Secretarial functions and associated costs**

The First Regular Session of the Northern Committee, 12<sup>th</sup> December 2005, agreed that the necessary secretariat functions and associated costs would be further considered at NC2. The Northern Committee will consider Secretarial functions, associated costs and any other administrative and technical supports.

The Committee also agreed at the first session to use the catch of the northern stocks to calculate Members' contributions. For calculation of proposed contribution, Members of the Northern Committee are asked to provide catch data for northern stocks (bluefin, albacore and swordfish) during 2002-2004 to the Executive Director by August 1.

## **5.2 Next meeting**

The date and place for the Third Regular Session of the NC will be agreed.

## **5.3 Other business**

The Northern Committee will discuss any other business which the Commission may wish to refer to it for consideration.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6. REPORT TO THE COMMISSION**

### **6.1 Adoption of the report of the Second Regular Session of the Northern Committee and recommendations to the Commission**

The Northern Committee will adopt the Report of the Second Regular Session. It will make every effort to adopt its report by consensus. If every effort to achieve consensus has failed, the report will indicate the majority and minority views and may include the differing views of the representatives of the members on all or any part of the report.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7. CLOSE OF MEETING**

### **7.1 Closing of the meeting**

The meeting is scheduled to close at 1700 h on Wednesday, 13 September 2006.