

Draft agenda for the preparatory meeting of the Northern Committee  
(December 10<sup>th</sup>, 2005)

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Review of the result of the informal meeting in September in Tokyo, Japan  
*(The report of the informal meeting held at Tokyo in September will be presented for review by participants)*
3. Secretarial functions, costs, costs sharing and other logistical issues associated with the function of the Northern Committee  
*(Participants will discuss secretarial functions, costs, costs sharing and other logistical issues associated with the function of the Northern Committee)*
4. Relationship of the Northern Committee with the ISC, IATTC and other subsidiary bodies of the Commission  
*(Participants will discuss relationship with the ISC (International Scientific Committee), IATTC (Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission) and other subsidiary bodies of the Commission. ISC will provide a draft MOU between WCPFC and ISC.)*
5. Conservation and management measures for northern albacore  
*(Participants will discuss this matter with the view toward adopting a recommendation on northern albacore by the Commission at the WCPFC2)*
6. Data needs for assessments of the northern stocks  
*(Participants will discuss this matter for the work by ISC)*
7. Future work program  
*(Based on the outcomes of discussion, participants will consider a program of work for 2006 and thereafter.)*
8. Election of Chair and other officers, if necessary  
*(Mr. Masanori MIYAHARA, Japan, was nominated by the participants of informal*

*meeting in September as a candidate for the chair of the Northern Committee)*

9. Rules of Procedure

*(Participants will examine appropriateness of applying the Rules of Procedure for the Commission, mutatis mutandis, to the Northern Committee and discuss exceptional rules which are necessary for the Northern Committee. In accordance with Rules of Procedure for the Commission (Rule 31), these exceptional rules need approval by the Commission)*

10. Draft agenda for the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the Northern Committee

11. Other matters

12. Closing