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NC20 – Another separate NC20 online meeting

Dear All,

As requested, please refer to the attached advance information from the NC Chair on holding another separate NC20 online meeting before the Commission meeting in late November. The JWG Co-Chair's report on the outcomes of the 102nd IATTC meeting on Pacific bluefin tuna is also attached.

Once available, Mr Miyahara's signed letter will be re-posted on the NC20 website. Questions may be directed to the Secretariat's Science Manager, Dr SungKwon Soh, at sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int.

Yours sincerely,

Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

17 October 2024

Subject: Introduction of New Co-Chair and Request for Consideration of Technical Amendments to PBF Measures

Dear Northern Committee Members,

Please find attached a letter from the new Co-Chair of the Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group reporting the outcomes of the 102nd IATTC meeting on Pacific bluefin tuna. I am pleased to welcome Mr. Josh Madeira, Director of Policy and Stakeholder Engagement at Monterey Bay Aquarium, Monterey, California, USA, as the Co-Chair of the JWG. We look forward to continuing active collaboration between the IATTC and WCPFC in managing Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries in the Pacific Ocean.

In his letter, Co-Chair Madeira highlights the recent adoption of Pacific bluefin tuna-related Resolutions by the IATTC and requests whether WCPFC-NC members would consider any technical amendments to the newly proposed Conservation and Management Measure for Monitoring, Control, and Surveillance of Pacific Bluefin Tuna. These amendments would align with Resolution [C-24-03](#) (Monitoring and Control Measures for the Bluefin Tuna Fishery in the EPO).

Considering this, I intend to convene a short online NC meeting to discuss adjustments to the outcomes of NC20 (Attachment E, [NC20 Summary Report](#)) from the July meeting in response to the recent IATTC decisions. Once the details of this online meeting are confirmed, I will provide you with further information.

Thank you for your continued cooperation.

Sincerely,



Masanori Miyahara
NC Chair

15 October 2024

Mr. Masanori Miyahara
Co-Chair for WCPFC-NC
Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna

RE: Outcomes of the 102nd IATTC meeting relating to Pacific bluefin tuna

Dear Co-Chair Miyahara,

It is a pleasure to commence working with you in my new role as the IATTC Co-Chair of the Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Northern Committee (NC) Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG). I would like to report on the outcomes relating to Pacific bluefin tuna at the recent 102nd meeting of the IATTC hosted by Panama from 02 September to 06 September 2024.

The IATTC:

- Adopted C-24-02, Measures for the Conservation and Management of Pacific bluefin tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean. This resolution amended the catch limits and related measures for 2025 – 2026, consistent with the recommendations provided by the JWG in July 2024.
- Adopted C-24-03, On Monitoring and Control Measures for the bluefin tuna fishery in the EPO. This resolution included provisions covering monitoring and control measures for Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries, farming operations, review and instructions to establish a catch documentation scheme.

To ensure transparency and understanding by all JWG member nations, I respectfully call your attention to the language in C-24-03 that contains some additional detail and provisions that were not included in the JWG recommendations from July 2024 - please see Annex G of the Chair's Summary of the 9th IATTC and WCPFC NC Joint Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna that outlines a new Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) for Monitoring, Control and Surveillance (MCS) of Pacific bluefin tuna in the WCPFC.

Given the intent of the JWG to encourage consistent measures for Pacific bluefin tuna across both RFMOs, it may be advisable for WCPFC-NC members to consider if any technical amendments to their MCS measures (Annex G) are necessary and appropriate.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Josh Madeira
Co-Chair for IATTC
Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna

Cc:

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