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Meeting Notice: Announcement of Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG) intersessional meeting, February 2025

Dear All,

As requested, please refer to the attached advance information from the Co-Chairs of the Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna on holding a JWG intersessional meeting in Monterey, California, USA, on 5 – 7 February 2025. The JWG Intersessional Meeting agenda will be distributed in due course.

Questions may be directed to the Aquarium at JWG@mbayaq.org.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Rhea Moss-Christian".

Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

23 October 2024

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RE: Announcement of Joint IATTC – WCPFC NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG) intersessional meeting February 2025

Dear Dr. Franco and Ms. Moss-Christian,

The Co-Chairs of the Joint IATTC– WCPFC Northern Committee Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG) are pleased to announce an intersessional meeting will be held on 05 through 07 February 2025. The intersessional meeting will be hosted by the United States and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and will take place in Monterey, California, USA.

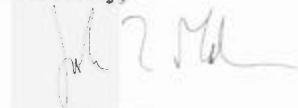
The JWG intersessional meeting will review the latest information and initial results of the Pacific bluefin tuna Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) and consider relevant elements of the long-term harvest strategy ahead of the anticipated final recommendations that will be made at JWG 10 in July 2025.

This intersessional meeting was recommended by the JWG in July 2024 (see Agenda Item 8 within [Chairs' Summary](#) of the 9th Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna), however announcement of the meeting was pending confirmation from the United States. Support from the United States and the Monterey Bay Aquarium has been confirmed and we appreciate their willingness to host the meeting in Monterey.

Please see the attached information from our hosts with relevant practical arrangements for the JWG intersessional meeting. Members of the JWG, other interested delegations and observers are encouraged to attend this meeting in person. The hosts have arranged a special hotel room block given that other events will also be occurring in the Monterey region over these dates. A virtual Zoom option will be available for those that cannot attend in person.

We would be grateful if you could circulate this announcement to all parties.

Sincerely,



Josh Madeira
Co-Chair for IATTC



Masa Miyahara
Co-Chair for WCPFC

Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG) - Intersessional Meeting 2025

Monterey, California, USA

Hosts

The United States of America and the Monterey Bay Aquarium

Meeting Dates

February 5 - 7, 2025

- Feb. 5 (Wednesday): 09:00 – 17:00 Pacific Time (PT)
- Feb 6 (Thursday): 09:00 – 17:00 PT
- Feb. 7 (Friday): 09:00 – 12:00 PT

Meeting Format

All delegations are encouraged to attend and participate in person. For delegations that cannot attend in person, a hybrid option will be available via Zoom.

Meeting Location

[Monterey Conference Center](#), One Portola Plaza, Monterey, CA 93940

The recently constructed conference venue is in the center of downtown Monterey and is connected to the Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay.



Monterey Conference Center and Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay

Accommodation

Participants are encouraged to stay at the [Portola Hotel & Spa at Monterey Bay](#). The Aquarium has arranged a special group rate of \$229 USD/ night (plus taxes and fees) for JWG participants. **To make a reservation, please use [this link](#) or call hotel reservations at (+1) 866 711 1734.** If making reservations by phone, please mention you are with the **IATTC WCPFC Joint Working Group - Intersessional Meeting** to access the group rate.

Participants are encouraged to make hotel reservations as soon as possible to access the special group rate. The Portola Hotel will accept reservations at the special group rate on a first-come, first served basis, and **all reservations must be made by January 6, 2025.**



Portola Hotel overlooking the waterfront, Fisherman's Wharf and the recreational trail

Hotel guest parking

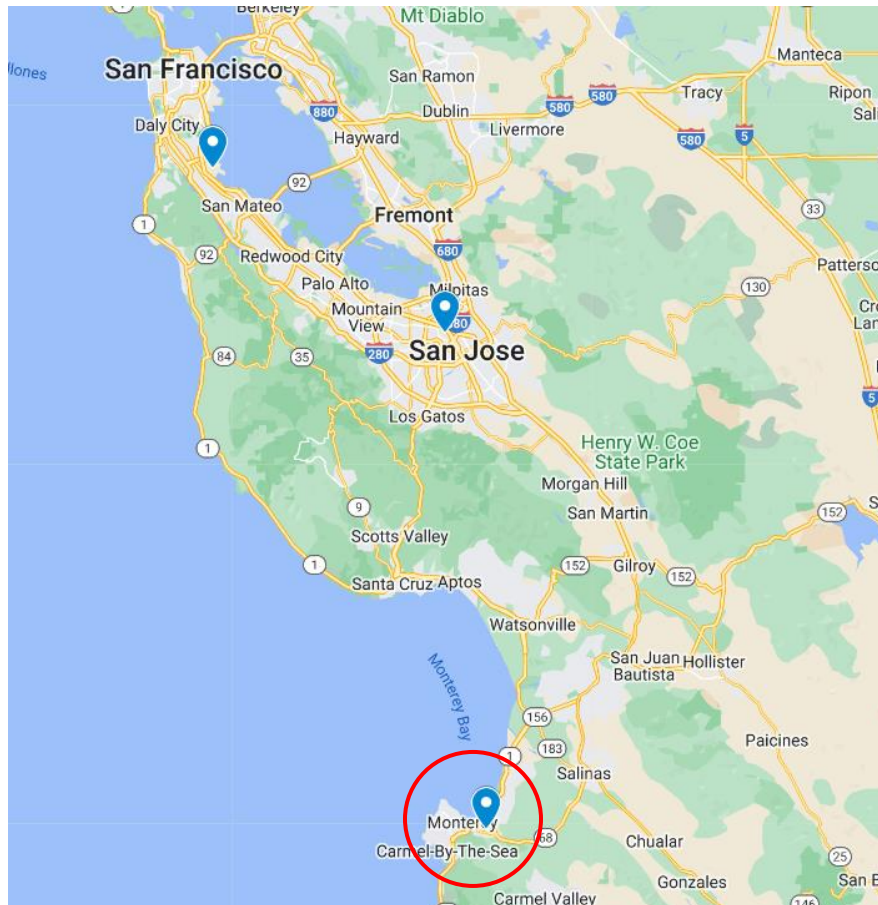
Portola Hotel & Spa offers self- and valet parking. Overnight self-parking is \$17.00; valet parking is \$27.00 per night plus applicable taxes.

Transportation - Airports

Monterey is located approximately 120 miles south of San Francisco, CA, and can be accessed via three airports – see information below. Although it is possible to fly directly to Monterey, the flights may have more limited availability. Many travelers choose to fly into San Francisco or San Jose.

Airports:

- [Monterey Regional Airport \(MRY\)](#); 10 minutes from downtown.
- [San Jose Mineta International Airport \(SJC\)](#); 90 minutes to Monterey via shuttle bus or rental car.
- [San Francisco International Airport \(SFO\)](#); 120 minutes to Monterey via shuttle bus or rental car.



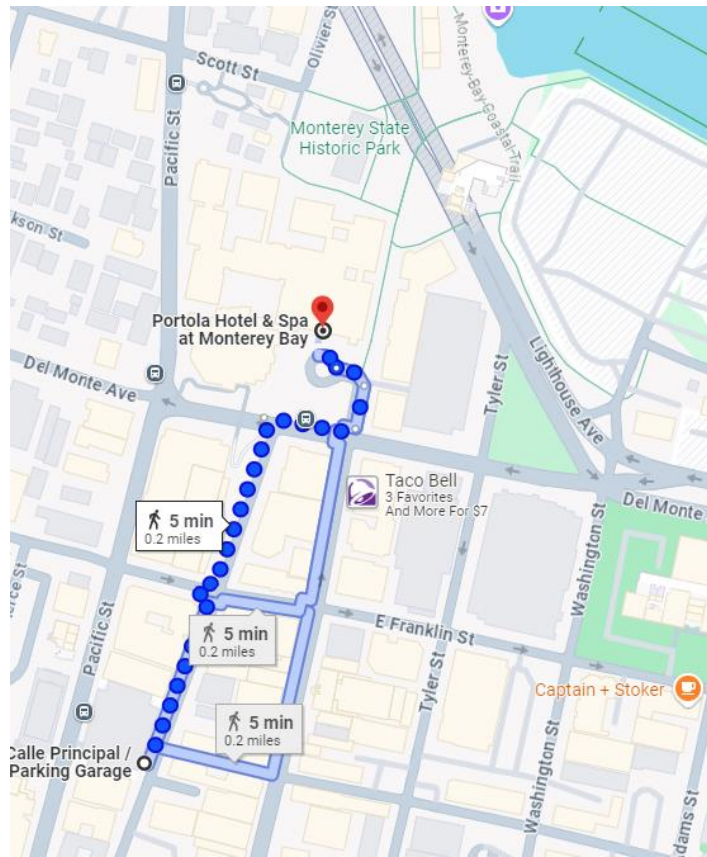
Locations of major airports (SFO, SJC, MRY)

Ground transportation

For those arriving at Monterey airport, you can take a taxi or ride app to downtown Monterey in approximately 12 minutes.

Groome Transportation provides convenient [airport shuttle buses](#) from San Francisco and San Jose airports and arrives in downtown Monterey within a short (2 block) walk to the hotel and conference center. The bus drops off and picks up from Monterey Shuttle Station, 438 Calle Principal, Monterey.

Alternatively, travelers can rent a car at any of the three airports, or you can utilize ride apps, such as Uber and Lyft, to travel to Monterey.



Map: Directions from Monterey airport shuttle stop to hotel

Visiting Monterey Bay Aquarium

The Aquarium is located approximately 1 mile from the hotel and conference center and can be accessed via bus, taxi or walking along the coastal trail.

Further information on opportunities for JWG participants to visit the Aquarium will be announced at the start of the meeting. For Monterey Bay Aquarium hours and location, visit <https://www.montereybayaquarium.org/>

Tourism information

For things to do while visiting Monterey and the surrounding area, visit: [Things to Do in Monterey | Find Parks, Shopping & Attractions \(seemonterey.com\)](https://www.seemonterey.com/)

For an interactive map of the area's attractions, activities, and restaurants, visit: <https://www.portolahotel.com/destination-guide/interactive-map>

Questions? Please contact the Aquarium at JWG@mbayaq.org