



**THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE OF THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION
AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND
CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN**

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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR THE FIRST REGULAR SESSION OF
THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

- 1.1 Welcoming address
- 1.2 Adoption of agenda
- 1.3 Meeting arrangements
- 1.4 Appointment of SWG Convenors
- 1.5 Process for SWG and SC reports
- 1.6 Terms of Reference for SWGs

AGENDA ITEM 2 REVIEWS OF FISHERIES

- 2.1 Overview of WCPO fisheries
- 2.2 Overview of EPO fisheries
- 2.3 Fishery reports from members and observers
- 2.4 Fishery reports from regional fisheries organisations

AGENDA ITEM 3 SPECIALIST WORKING GROUPS

(Stock Assessment SWG, Methods SWG, Statistics SWG, Ecosystem and Bycatch SWG, Biology SWG and Fishing Technology SWG)

- 3.1 Adoption of agenda
- 3.2 Review of available information
- 3.3 Future work programme
- 3.4 Advice to the Scientific Committee
- 3.5 Adoption of report

AGENDA ITEM 4 STATUS OF THE STOCKS

- 4.1 Bigeye
- 4.2 Yellowfin
- 4.3 Skipjack
- 4.4 South Pacific albacore
- 4.5 Other species
- 4.6 Advice to the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 5 MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

- 5.1 Estimates of sustainable catch levels and sustainable effort levels for bigeye, yellowfin and South Pacific albacore
- 5.2 Five and ten year projections for bigeye and yellowfin
- 5.3 Effects on stocks of measures to mitigate catch of juvenile bigeye and yellowfin
- 5.4 Estimates of the mortality of non-target species
- 5.5 Additional analyses required
- 5.6 Advice to the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 6 DATA

- 6.1 Scientific data to be provided to the Commission
- 6.2 IPDCP Review
- 6.3 Rules and procedures for the management and dissemination of Commission data
- 6.4 Observer data requirements
- 6.5 Advice to the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 7 TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

- 7.1 Co-operation on observer issues
- 7.2 Validation and verification of data
- 7.3 Advice to the Technical and Compliance Committee

AGENDA ITEM 8 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

- 8.1 Scientific Committee work programme for 2006
- 8.2 SWG work programmes for 2006
- 8.3 Research priorities, research planning and coordination
- 8.4 Development of a medium term research plan
- 8.5 Advice to the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 9 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1 Requirements of small island developing states and territories with respect to data
- 9.2 Requirements of small island developing states and territories with respect to scientific research
- 9.3 Advice to the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 10 BUDGET AND FINANCE

- 10.1 Implications of Scientific Committee proposals
- 10.2 Advice to the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 11 SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE ADMINISTRATION

- 11.1 Rules of procedure
- 11.2 Appointment of Vice-Chair
- 11.3 Terms of Reference for the independent review
- 11.4 Future operation of the Scientific Committee
- 11.5 Advice to the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 12 OTHER MATTERS

- 12.1 Cooperation with the IATTC and other international organizations
- 12.2 Next meeting
- 12.3 Other business
- 12.4 Advice to the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 13 REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

- 13.1 Adoption of the report of the first regular session of the Scientific Committee

AGENDA ITEM 14 CLOSE OF MEETING

- 14.1 Closing of the meeting
