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Subject: Announcement of the JWG-11 resumed meeting (second session)

Dear All,

Please see attached meeting announcement from the co-Chairs of the Pacific Bluefin Joint Working Group between the WCPFC Northern Committee and the IATTC, to convene virtually on 18 August 2026 (Pohnpei)/17 August 2026 (California). Further details, including information on how to register, are contained in the attachment.

A [meeting page for PBFJWG-11-2](#) is now available on the WCPFC website for relevant meeting documentation and information.

Please contact the co-Chairs, Josh Madeira (jmadeira@mbayaq.org) and Masa Miyahara (masamiya@fra.affrc.go.jp), and copy WCPFC Science Manager, SungKwon Soh (sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int) with any questions.

Yours sincerely,

Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To: Members of the IATTC WCPFC-NC Joint Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG)
RE: Announcement of the JWG-11 resumed meeting (second session)

Dear JWG Members,

In July, we held the 11th Meeting of the IATTC - WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group (JWG) on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in Nagasaki, Japan. The meeting focused on the long-term harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) but ended without consensus. At the meeting, the Co-Chairs confirmed our intent to continue consultations with JWG members, encouraged further bilateral dialogue and noted the potential for additional opportunities to advance discussion on the long-term harvest strategy. We are pleased to share that there has been significant progress in the discussions, and we intend to reconvene the JWG to finalize our recommendations on the long-term harvest strategy.

Today, we are pleased to announce that we will reconvene the 11th JWG Meeting in a virtual second session (JWG-11-2) to be held on August 18 at 08:00 Japan Standard Time (JST) / August 17 at 16:00 Pacific Daylight Time (PDT). We recognize that this timing is challenging given the WCPFC Scientific Committee meeting and the upcoming IATTC annual meeting, however, it is the only viable time to hold this JWG resumed meeting. We appreciate your consideration and flexibility given the importance of the PBF long-term harvest strategy to both Commissions.

Virtual Meeting / Registration Information

We note that both Secretariats are extremely busy during this time, and therefore the Co-Chairs will convene JWG-11-2 virtually through a Zoom platform provided by the Monterey Bay Aquarium. All participants from JWG-11 in July (both in-person and virtual) will be invited to join JWG-11-2 unless otherwise instructed from the relevant Head of Delegation (or their designee). **If any delegation wishes to modify their participant list for JWG-11-2, please email any added / removed names (with corresponding email addresses) to JWG@MBAYAQ.ORG as soon as possible and no later than August 14, 17:00 PDT.** Zoom invitations and meeting materials will be sent via email to JWG-11-2 participants by August 15. If you have questions regarding registration or need further instructions regarding the Zoom virtual meeting, please contact JWG@MBAYAQ.ORG.

We look forward to reconvening JWG-11 in a second session and working with all JWG Members to advance recommendations on the PBF long-term harvest strategy.

Sincerely,

Josh Madeira, Co-Chair

Masa Miyahara, Co-Chair