## JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA SIXTH SESSION (JWG-06)

ELECTRONIC MEETING 8am-11am, Japan Standard Time 27-29 July 2021

# PROVISIONAL AGENDA

IATTC-NC-JWG06-2021/02

## **1. Opening of the meeting**

## 2. Adoption of Agenda and Meeting Procedures

## 3. Scientific Information on Pacific Bluefin Tuna

3.1 Updates on the stock status of Pacific bluefin tuna

The last stock assessment for Pacific bluefin tuna was conducted in 2020. Any updates will be introduced on the status of the stock. The JWG will also get an update from the ISC PBF Workgroup on this year's discussions.

3.2 Reports from WCPFC-Scientific Committee (SC) and IATTC-Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC)

WCPFC-SC17 meeting will be held during 11-19 August 2021, after the JWG meeting is concluded. The most recent recommendations can be found in last year's report NC16-IP-02 (*SC16 Summary Report to NC16*).

IATTC-SAC meeting was held during 10-14 May 2021 and provided recommendations to the IATTC Commission as follows:

The SAC recommends the extension of the provisions of Resolution C-18-01, as already extended by Resolution C-20-02, and that the Commission take note that increased catches based on the scenarios analyzed are possible under the harvest strategy prepared by the joint tuna RFMOs Working Group. The choice of catch scenario should take into account the desired rebuilding rate and the distribution of catch between small and large bluefin.

## 4. Reports on the implementation of Pacific bluefin tuna measures

The JWG-06 will review members' implementation of the conservation and management measures for Pacific bluefin tuna and may clarify any discrepancies if identified.

#### 5. Review of Conservation and Management Measures for Pacific Bluefin Tuna

JWG-06 will review the current Pacific bluefin tuna measures of WCPFC CMM 2020-02 and IATTC RESOLUTION C-20-02 and consider any revisions for recommendation to each Commission, if warranted. In preparation for JWG-06, members may wish to also discuss the

WCPFC Harvest Strategy for Pacific Bluefin Tuna Fisheries (HS 2017-02) as well as the IATTC Resolution C-18-02 related to a long-term management strategy for Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.

## 6. Future (2022) JWG meeting

The JWG will consider the meeting venue and dates for JWG-07.

# 7. Other business

7.1 Impacts of COVID-19 pandemic

The JWG may consider approaches and options to address any delayed issues such as the development of a Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) for Pacific Bluefin Tuna or efforts related to development of an MSE for Pacific Bluefin fisheries.

7.2 Other

# 8. Adoption of Report

The JWG will review and adopt the Chairs' Summary as the JWG-06 report.

# 9. Close of meeting