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TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS

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**Meeting Notice: Practical Announcement of the Third Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna Intersessional Meeting (JWGI-03)**

Dear All,

Further to [Circular 2025/90](#), the Co-Chairs of the IATTC–WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna (JWG) are pleased to circulate the attached practical information for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Intersessional JWG Meeting, to be held from 11–13 March 2026 in Newport Beach, California, United States of America. The Co-Chairs thank the United States for hosting the meeting and invite Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and observers to note the details regarding the meeting venue, accommodation, travel arrangements, and hybrid participation options. Delegations are encouraged to attend in person where possible and are requested to note that the special hotel room block will be available until 17 February 2026.

The provisional agenda and an indicative schedule will be circulated in the near future. For any inquiries, please contact the Co-Chair, Josh Madeira, at [JWG@mbayaq.org](mailto:JWG@mbayaq.org).

Yours sincerely,



Rhea Moss-Christian  
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27 January 2026

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**RE: Practical information for the IATTC – WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group Meeting on the management of Pacific bluefin tuna – 3<sup>rd</sup> Intersessional Meeting March 2026 (JWGI – 03)**

Dear Dr. Franco and Ms. Moss-Christian,

The Co-Chairs of the IATTC – WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG) would like to thank the United States of America for hosting the 3<sup>rd</sup> intersessional meeting to be held on 11 – 13 March 2026 in Newport Beach, California, USA.

We would like to share information on the practical arrangements for the meeting – please see the attached information regarding the meeting venue, hotel accommodations, travel arrangements and other related matters. Please note that the hotel will accept reservations for the room block until February 17, 2026.

We encourage all delegations to attend the meeting in person if possible. For those delegations that cannot attend in person, the host is arranging the venue for hybrid participation.

We would appreciate your assistance in sharing this announcement with 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 2026 March 11 – 13, 2026 Newport Beach, California, USA

The United States of America is pleased to host the 3<sup>rd</sup> Intersessional Meeting of the IATTC - WCPFC NC Working Group on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna (JWG) from March 11 – 13, 2026 in Newport Beach, California.

## **Meeting Dates**

- March 11 (Wednesday): 09:00 – 17:00 Pacific Time (PT)
- March 12 (Thursday): 09:00 – 17:00 PT
- March 13 (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**

[Hyatt Regency Newport Beach](#), 1107 Jamboree Road, Newport Beach, California, 92660, USA. The meeting will be held in the Terrace Room.

Hyatt Regency Newport Beach is a resort-style hotel adjacent to the Upper Newport Bay Ecological Reserve, nestled among 26 acres featuring hundreds of palms and succulents.



Hyatt Regency Newport Beach

### **Accommodation**

Participants are encouraged to stay at the [Hyatt Regency Newport Beach](#). The hosts have arranged a special group rate of \$209 USD/night (plus taxes and fees) for JWG participants. **To make a reservation, please use [this link](#) or call hotel reservations at (+1) 949 729 6014.** 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 Hyatt Regency will accept reservations at the special group rate on a first-come, first served basis, and **all reservations must be made by February 17, 2026.**



Oasis Pool at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach

### **Hotel guest parking**

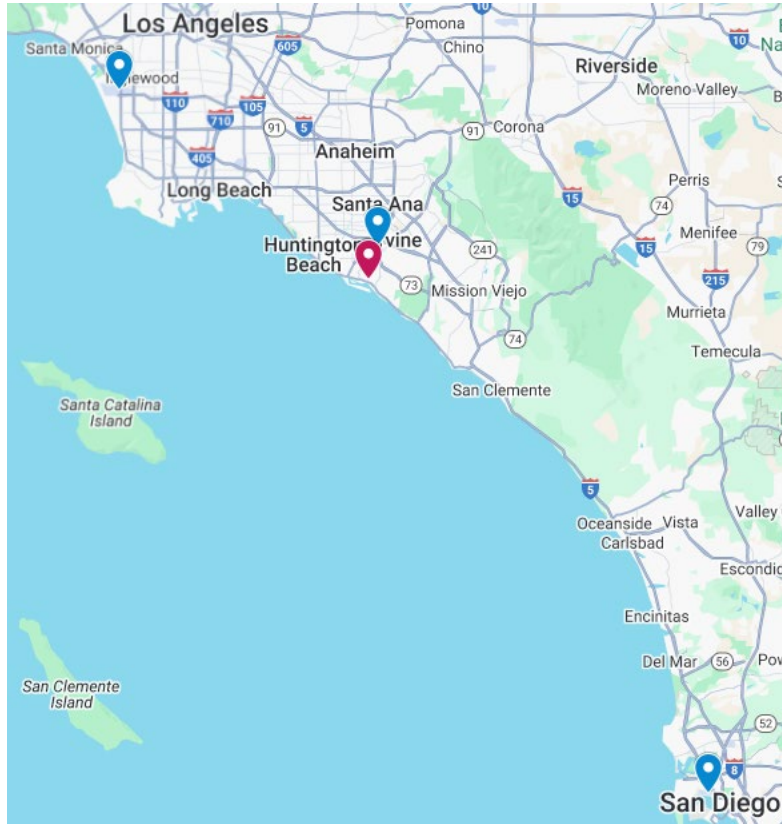
Hyatt Regency Newport Beach offers self- and valet parking. Overnight self-parking is \$10.00; valet parking is \$50.00 per night plus applicable taxes.

### **Transportation - Airports**

Newport Beach is located approximately 40 miles south of Los Angeles, CA. The John Wayne Airport is only 10 minutes from the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach, but the flights may have more limited availability. Many travelers choose to fly into Los Angeles International Airport or San Diego International Airport.



- [John Wayne Airport](#) (SNA); 10 minutes from Hyatt Regency Newport Beach via car.
- [Los Angeles International Airport](#) (LAX); 60 minutes to Newport Beach via car.
- [San Diego International Airport](#) (SAN): 90 minutes to Newport Beach via car.



Locations of major airports (SNA, LAX and SAN) in blue and Hyatt Regency Newport Beach in red

### **Ground transportation**

For those arriving at John Wayne Airport, you can take a taxi or ride app to the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach in approximately 10 minutes. Make sure you are going to the address above and not one of the other nearby Hyatt Regency locations!

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 Newport Beach.

### **Tourism information**

For things to do while visiting Newport Beach and the surrounding area, visit:

[Visit Newport Beach](#)

The Monterey Bay Aquarium will provide support and logistics in coordination with the host.

**Questions? Please contact the Aquarium at [JWG@mbayaq.org](mailto:JWG@mbayaq.org)**