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Subject: The 11th Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna (JWG11) and the 22nd Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC22) – Meeting Notice, Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda

Dear All,

Further to [Circular 2026/22](#) announcing the dates and venue for JWG11 and NC22, please find attached the following six documents prepared by the Secretariat in consultation with the Chairs of the respective meetings:

1. JWG11 Meeting Notice: IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-01
2. JWG11 Provisional Agenda: IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-02
3. JWG11 Provisional Annotated Agenda: IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-03
4. NC22 Meeting Notice: WCPFC-NC22-2026-01
5. NC22 Provisional Agenda: WCPFC-NC22-2026-02
6. NC22 Provisional Annotated Agenda: WCPFC-NC22-2026-03

Other relevant meeting documents will be made available on the [JWG11](#) and [NC22](#) webpages in due course.

Registration is now open on each meeting webpage. Interested participants are encouraged to register early to receive meeting updates, or to check the webpages regularly for document updates.

Please contact WCPFC Science Manager, Dr. SungKwon Soh (sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int), with any questions.

Yours sincerely,



Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
ELEVENTH SESSION (JWG11)**

8 – 11 July 2026
Nagasaki, Japan (Hybrid)

NOTICE OF MEETING AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-01

15 April 2026

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JWG-11 Meeting Documents

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Place of Applying for visas (Embassy or Consulate of Japan):	
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Hotel Name:	
Phone Number (in your home country):	

**JOINT IATTC AND WCPFC-NC WORKING GROUP MEETING ON THE
MANAGEMENT OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
ELEVENTH SESSION (JWG11)**

8 – 11 July 2026
Nagasaki, Japan (Hybrid)

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

**IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-02
15 April 2026**

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AGENDA ITEM 2. ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MEETING PROCEDURES

**AGENDA ITEM 3. REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
MEASURES**

AGENDA ITEM 4. SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA

- 4.1 Review of conversion factors**
- 4.2 Independent Review of stock assessment**
- 4.3 Recruitment index**
- 4.4 Reports from WCPFC-SC and IATTC-SAC**

AGENDA ITEM 5. LONG-TERM HARVEST STRATEGY

- 5.1 Development of Long-term harvest strategy**
- 5.2 Scientific information related to the long-term harvest strategy**
 - 5.2.1 Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)**
 - 5.2.2 Review of criteria for exceptional circumstances**
 - 5.2.3 Other information relevant to the long-term harvest strategy**
- 5.3 Recommendations on the long-term harvest strategy**

AGENDA ITEM 6. CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME

**AGENDA ITEM 7. REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR
PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA**

AGENDA ITEM 8. NEXT JWG MEETING

AGENDA ITEM 9. OTHER BUSINESS

AGENDA ITEM 10. ADOPTION OF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 11. CLOSE OF MEETING

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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

IATTC-NC-JWG11-2026-03

15 April 2026

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

AGENDA ITEM 2 ADOPTION OF AGENDA AND MEETING PROCEDURES

Any additional issues raised here will be covered under the agenda OTHER BUSINESS.

**AGENDA ITEM 3 REPORTS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA
MEASURES**

Each CCM or CPC involved in Pacific bluefin tuna fisheries and/or farming shall submit a report to the Executive Director on implementing relevant measures by 15 June each year.

JWG11 will review implementation reports from WCPFC and IATTC Members regarding [CMM 2024-01](#), [CMM 2024-02](#), [RESOLUTION C-24-02](#), and [RESOLUTION C-24-03](#).

AGENDA ITEM 4 SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION ON PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA

4.1 Review of conversion factors

The ISC Pacific Bluefin Tuna Working Group (PBFWG) will present updated analyses of conversion factors used for transferring catch limits across fishery sectors (e.g., WCPO small fish to WCPO large fish and WCPO to EPO), including their implications for maintaining equivalent fishing intensity. Conversion factors will also be considered as part of the long-term harvest strategy (see Agenda 5.2), as appropriate.

4.2 Independent Review of stock assessment

The ISC PBFWG will provide an update on the independent review of the stock assessment and any next steps, as appropriate.

4.3 Recruitment index

The ISC PBFWG will provide an update on efforts to improve and/or develop alternative indices to reduce uncertainty in recruitment.

4.4 Reports from WCPFC-SC and IATTC-SAC

The 22nd meeting of the WCPFC Scientific Committee (11–19 August 2026, Samoa) will take place after JWGI11; therefore, no SC outcomes will be available.

IATTC will present key outcomes from the 17th Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (8–12 June 2026, La Jolla).

AGENDA ITEM 5 LONG-TERM HARVEST STRATEGY

5.1 Development of Long-term harvest strategy

The Co-Chairs will present a summary of the development of the long-term harvest strategy to date, including outcomes of JWGI03 (Newport Beach, 11–13 March 2026) and expectations for JWGI-11. Building on these outcomes, the JWGI will work to finalize the long-term harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna.

5.2 Scientific information related to the long-term harvest strategy

5.2.1 Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)

The ISC PBFWG will present updated MSE-related outputs, including revised TAC calculations based on the proposed MP framework (Attachment C, [JWGI03 Summary Report](#)). The JWGI will use these results to evaluate, finalize, and operationalize the provisional HCR/MP framework.

5.2.2 Review of criteria for exceptional circumstances

The ISC PBFWG will present their recommendations on the development of criteria for exceptional circumstances within the Pacific bluefin tuna MP.

5.2.3 Other information relevant to the long-term harvest strategy

The JWGI may consider conversion factors or other relevant information related to the long-term harvest strategy, as appropriate.

5.3 Recommendations on the long-term harvest strategy

Building on discussions under Agenda Items 5.1–5.2, the JWGI will work to finalize the key elements of the long-term harvest strategy, including the management procedure framework, harvest control rule design, and associated provisions. The Co-Chairs will consult with Members regarding the proposed MP and the outstanding issues identified at JWGI-03 (see Attachment 3 of [JWGI-03 Summary Report](#)) with the intention to develop a Co-Chairs proposal on the long-term harvest strategy in advance of the meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 6 CATCH DOCUMENTATION SCHEME

The JWG will review progress on the development of a Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) for Pacific bluefin tuna, taking into account the intersessional work of the small working group and the outcomes of the 7th CDS Technical Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7 REVIEW OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR PACIFIC BLUEFIN TUNA

The JWG will review the implementation and effectiveness of [CMM 2024-01](#), [CMM 2024-02](#), [RESOLUTION C-24-02](#), and [RESOLUTION C-24-03](#), including progress by CCMs in meeting catch limits, monitoring, reporting, and control obligations, as well as developments in MCS measures and the catch documentation scheme (CDS). The JWG will consider available compliance information and ongoing work under the Northern Committee and Technical and Compliance Committee, and identify any issues requiring attention or improvement, including MCS measures (see Annex C, [JWG10 Chairs' Summary](#) and [JWGI-03 WP-01](#)).

In accordance with the long-term harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna to be agreed upon in this meeting, the JWG will also consider the need for alignment, revision, or transition of these measures to support the adoption and implementation of a long-term harvest strategy in 2026.

AGENDA ITEM 8 NEXT JWG MEETING

The JWG11 will consider the tentative date and location of the JWG12 meeting in 2027, including the duration of the CDS Technical Meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 9 OTHER BUSINESS

Issues raised under Agenda Item 2 will be discussed here.

AGENDA ITEM 10 ADOPTION OF REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 11 CLOSE OF MEETING



NORTHERN COMMITTEE
TWENTY-SECOND REGULAR SESSION
13 – 14 July 2026
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NOTICE OF MEETING AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

WCPFC-NC22-2026-01

15 April 2026

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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

WCPFC-NC22-2026-02

15 April 2026

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- 1.1 Opening of the meeting**
- 1.2 Adoption of the agenda**
- 1.3 Meeting arrangements**
- 1.4 Report from the ISC and SC**
 - 1.4.1 Report from the ISC
 - 1.4.2 Report from SC

AGENDA ITEM 2 CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE NORTHERN STOCKS

- 2.1 Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBF)**
 - 2.1.1 CMM for PBF ([CMM 2024-01](#))
 - 2.1.2 CMM for the Monitoring, Controlling, and Surveillance of PBF ([CMM 2024-02](#))
- 2.2 North Pacific albacore ([CMM 2019-03](#))**
 - 2.2.1 Reports from CCMs and Observers
 - 2.2.2 Application of Harvest Strategy for the North Pacific Albacore Fishery
 - 2.2.3 Review of the CMM for North Pacific Albacore ([CMM 2019-03](#))
- 2.3 North Pacific swordfish ([CMM 2023-03](#))**
 - 2.3.1 Reports from CCMs and Observers
 - 2.3.2 Development of a management framework
 - 2.3.3 Review of the CMM for North Pacific Swordfish ([CMM 2023-03](#))

AGENDA ITEM 3 CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR OTHER STOCKS

- 3.1 North Pacific striped marlin ([CMM 2024-06](#))**
- 3.2 Non-target, associated, dependent species (seabirds, sea turtles, and sharks)**
 - 3.2.1 Seabirds ([CMM 2025-05](#))
 - 3.2.2 Sea turtles ([CMM 2018-04](#))
 - 3.2.3 Sharks ([CMM 2025-06](#))

AGENDA ITEM 4 CLIMATE CHANGE

AGENDA ITEM 5 REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMME

AGENDA ITEM 6 DATA

AGENDA ITEM 7 COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

7.1 ISC

7.2 IATTC

AGENDA ITEM 8 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

8.1 Work program for 2027-2029

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1 Election of officers

9.2 Administrative arrangements for the Committee

9.2.1 Secretariat functions and costs

9.2.2 Rules of Procedure

9.3 Next meeting

9.4 Other business

**AGENDA ITEM 10 ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 22nd REGULAR SESSION OF
THE NORTHERN COMMITTEE**

AGENDA ITEM 11 CLOSE OF THE MEETING



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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

**WCPFC-NC22-2026-03
15 April 2026**

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Opening of the meeting

The Chair Masanori Miyahara (Japan) will open the Twenty-Second Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC22) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), held at DEJIMA MESSE NAGASAKI in Nagasaki City, Nagasaki Prefecture of Japan, from 13 (Monday) to 14 (Tuesday) July 2026.

1.2 Adoption of the agenda

The Chair will introduce the Provisional Agenda (WCPFC-NC22-2026/02). Any other matters raised here can be discussed under Agenda Item 9.4 (Other business).

1.3 Meeting arrangements

The Chair will outline the meeting schedule, achievement targets, and appoint the rapporteur.

1.4 Report from the ISC and SC

1.4.1 Report from the ISC

NC22 will receive a report on the key outcomes of the 26th ISC Plenary Meeting, held in Chinese Taipei from June 22 to 29, 2026.

1.4.2 Report from SC

As the 22nd regular Session of the WCPFC Scientific Committee will be held from 11 to 19 August 2026 in Samoa, no report from SC22 will be available at NC22.

However, NC22 may consider, under this agenda, the application of the WCPFC Management Advice and Uncertainty Template ([SC21-SA-IP-22](#)) in the provision of scientific advice, as tasked by the Commission (Para. 224, [WCPFC22 Summary Report](#)),

including reviewing the template and incorporating it into the Committee's regular reporting processes. Discussions will focus on improving the clarity, consistency, and systematic presentation of uncertainties, risk, and confidence levels associated with scientific assessments. In particular, the Committee will consider how to structure advice in line with the template's components—such as stock status indicators, reference points, projections, and explicit characterization of uncertainty—to support more informed and consistent decision-making by the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 2 CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR THE NORTHERN STOCKS

2.1 Pacific Bluefin Tuna (PBF)

According to the *Work Programme for the Northern Committee* (Attachment D, [NC21 Summary Report](#)), the NC's tasks for 2026 include:

- a) reviewing compiled members' reports on their implementation of two CMMs for Pacific bluefin tuna and identifying and addressing any shortcomings;
- b) finalizing a long-term harvest strategy framework;
- c) reviewing members' implementation of MCS measures; and
- d) Completing the establishment of the CDS.

NC22 will review the outcomes of the JWG11 meeting and provide recommendations to the Commission on these tasks.

2.1.1 CMM for PBF ([CMM 2024-01](#))

NC22 will receive the results of the JWG11 meeting and finalize the long-term harvest strategy and prepare recommendations to be submitted to the Commission.

2.1.2 CMM for the Monitoring, Controlling and Surveillance of PBF ([CMM 2024-02](#))

NC22 will also review the results of the JWG11 meeting and consider any further amendments to the CMM *for the MCS of PBF*.

2.2 North Pacific albacore ([CMM 2019-03](#))

2.2.1 Reports from CCMs and Observers

NC22 will review reports from CCMs and observers on the implementation of CMM 2019-03, including compiled catch and effort information. Discussions will include clarification of reporting practices (e.g., use of effort metrics such as vessel numbers vs. fishing days), consistency in reporting between the Convention Area and the entire North Pacific, and trends in catch and effort. NC22 will also consider any issues identified in members' reports and encourage improvements in reporting completeness and transparency.

2.2.2 Application of Harvest Strategy for the North Pacific Albacore Fishery

NC22 will consider ISC advice related to the application of the harvest strategy, including criteria for identifying exceptional circumstances and guidance on translating fishing intensity into management measures such as catch and/or effort. The meeting will review progress in implementing elements of the harvest strategy, including interpretation of fishing intensity relative to reference points and consideration of potential management responses if thresholds are exceeded. NC22 will also consider follow-up work requested from ISC, including estimates of historical fleet impacts to inform future management considerations.

2.2.3 Review of the CMM for North Pacific Albacore ([CMM 2019-03](#))

NC22 will review CMM 2019-03 in light of implementation reports and available scientific advice. Noting that no proposals to amend the measure were made at NC21, the review will consider whether any changes are necessary, taking into account updated information from the recent stock assessment and progress in the development of the harvest strategy.

2.3 North Pacific swordfish ([CMM 2023-03](#))

2.3.1 Reports from CCMs and Observers

NC22 will review compiled catch and effort information for North Pacific swordfish and consider CCMs' reporting on the implementation of CMM 2023-03. Discussions will focus on trends in catch and effort and whether current measures remain appropriate, noting that NC21 reviewed available information and maintained the existing measure.

2.3.2 Development of a management framework

NC22 will consider progress in the development of a management framework for North Pacific swordfish, including advancing work on a management strategy evaluation (MSE). This will include a review of ISC advice on developing an MSE workplan, consideration of capacity and timelines for undertaking the MSE, and discussion of candidate operational management objectives. NC22 will also follow up on the request to ISC to develop a detailed MSE workplan and on the NC's role in facilitating stakeholder engagement in the MSE process.

2.3.3 Review of the CMM for North Pacific Swordfish (CMM 2023-03)

NC22 will review the CMM in light of implementation reports and available scientific advice.

AGENDA ITEM 3 CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES FOR OTHER STOCKS

3.1 North Pacific striped marlin ([CMM 2024-06](#))

NC22 will consider the status and management of North Pacific striped marlin under CMM 2024-06, taking into account ISC scientific advice indicating that the stock remains overfished and subject to overfishing, as well as updated projections on the rebuilding trajectory, if available.

The Committee will also examine whether current catch levels and recent trends are consistent with the agreed rebuilding plan, noting concerns raised at WCPFC22 regarding increasing catches and the need for continued strong management attention.

In line with the NC work programme, the Committee will review ISC inputs relevant to the rebuilding plan, while noting that the next stock assessment is scheduled for 2027.

3.2 Non-target, associated, dependent species (seabirds, sea turtles, and sharks)

3.2.1 Seabirds ([CMM 2025-05](#))

NC22 will consider issues related to seabirds, including reviewing the implementation of CMM 2025-05 in the northern area and evaluating the effectiveness of current measures to minimize seabird catch and mortality.

3.2.2 Sea turtles ([CMM 2018-04](#))

NC22 will consider issues related to sea turtles, including reviewing the implementation of mitigation measures under CMM 2018-04 and available research on methods to minimize catch and mortality, in view of outcomes of the recent [*Informal Intersessional Meeting for the Review of CMM 2018-04 Sea Turtles*](#) held online in April 2026.

3.2.3 Sharks ([CMM 2025-06](#))

NC22 will consider issues related to sharks, including the implementation of CMM 2025-06 in the northern area and any relevant scientific advice from ISC. The Committee will review available information and discuss appropriate implementation of shark measures, as well as consider potential management options where necessary. NC22 will also encourage the submission of shark data to the Commission and ISC to support scientific analysis and inform future management decisions.

AGENDA ITEM 4 CLIMATE CHANGE

NC22 will consider the implications of climate change for northern stocks and discuss how climate-related risks and uncertainties can be addressed using existing scientific information and processes, including their integration into stock assessments, harvest strategies, and management advice.

AGENDA ITEM 5 REGIONAL OBSERVER PROGRAMME

NC22 may review any information regarding the implementation of the regional observer program ([CMM 2018-05](#)) for fishing vessels operating in the area north of 20°N. NC22 may also discuss the ongoing development of an e-monitoring system in the WCPFC.

AGENDA ITEM 6 DATA

NC22 will consider matters related to data provision for northern stocks, with a view to ensuring the timely submission of complete and accurate data required for stock assessments, the formulation of management measures, and the review of Commission decisions. The Committee will review the status of data submissions by CCMs, including data for Pacific bluefin tuna, North Pacific albacore, North Pacific striped marlin, and swordfish, and encourage full and consistent reporting to the Commission and availability of such data to ISC. NC22 will also discuss practical approaches to improving data quality and completeness, including consideration of systems and processes to validate catch data.

AGENDA ITEM 7 COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

7.1 ISC

NC22 will consider cooperation with the ISC, including reviewing ISC activities and ongoing scientific support provided to the Northern Committee. The Committee will discuss options to strengthen and sustain support to the ISC, taking into account its request for more stable financial and technical resources, and recognizing recent contributions by CCMs to key scientific work such as stock assessments and MSE development. NC22 will also consider any proposals from members aimed at enhancing collaboration and ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality scientific advice to support the work of the Committee.

7.2 IATTC

NC22 will consider cooperation with the IATTC, including ongoing collaboration through the Joint Working Group (JWG) and its role in advancing the management of shared stocks. The Committee will review progress in cooperative work and discuss opportunities to further strengthen collaboration, including the inclusion of additional species such as swordfish in joint activities. NC22 will also consider how continued coordination with the IATTC can support the development of management measures and ensure consistency in the management of shared stocks across the Pacific.

AGENDA ITEM 8 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

8.1 Work program for 2027-2029

NC22 will review and revise the Work Programme for the Northern Committee as needed.

AGENDA ITEM 9 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

9.1 Election of officers

The NC22 will consider the appointment of the NC Chair and vice-Chair.

9.2 Administrative arrangements for the Committee

9.2.1 Secretariat functions and costs

NC22 is invited to review and further consider the operation of the NC Secretariat and costs related to NC activities.

9.2.2 Rules of Procedure

Subject to any proposals tabled by CCMs, NC22 will consider the Rules of Procedure for NC.

9.3 Next meeting

The date and place for the 23rd Regular Session of the NC will be considered.

9.4 Other business

NC22 will discuss any other business raised under Agenda Item 1.2.

AGENDA ITEM 10 ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE 22nd REGULAR SESSION OF THE NORTHERN COMMITTEE

NC22 will adopt the Summary Report of its 22nd Regular Session of the Northern Committee.

AGENDA ITEM 11 CLOSE OF THE MEETING

The meeting is scheduled to close at [5 pm] on 14 July 2026.