

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

08:00 – 12:00, 18 August 2026 (Japan Standard Time) /
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Virtual Meeting

**CO-CHAIRS' SUMMARY OF AGENDA 5 (LONG-TERM HARVEST STRATEGY) AND
RELATED IMPLEMENTATION ISSUES**

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PBFJWG Co-Chairs

Fishery impact

1. JWG recommends a stepwise approach to adjust the West – East fishery impact as follows:
 - 2027 – 2028 use 80:20 (W:E) fishery impact as specified in HCR 17¹
 - 2029 – 2030 use 79:21 fishery impact²
 - 2031 – 2032 use 78:22 fishery impact²
2. JWG recommends that it consider mitigation of any additional reduction in WCPO small fish catch limit resulting from stepwise adjustment of fishery impact based upon ISC advice in 2028.

Conversion factor

3. JWG recommends use of a conversion factor for the first management period (2027 – 2028) as follows:
 - Japan and Korea may convert up to 20% and 35% of their small fish quota to large fish using conversion factor 6.37, respectively.
 - Use of this conversion factor will be reviewed in 2028.

¹ 35% stability cap will be used instead of 25% for the 2027 – 2028 management period. This results in an additional 1,187 mt of WCPO large fish. 40mt of WCPO large fish will be allocated to the United States annually in 2027 and 2028 in the WCPFC CMM. The remaining 757 mt of WCPO large fish TAC shall be transferred to EPO (757 mt was calculated through the use of conversion factor (0.66)).

² 40mt of WCPO large fish will be allocated annually to the United States in the WCPFC CMM for both 2029-2030 and 2031-2032 management periods.

4. JWG requests that ISC analyze the use of this conversion factor by 2028. To facilitate the review of this conversion factor, the ISC PBFWG shall identify the data requirements as soon as possible for the analysis, and Japan and Korea shall provide the data identified by the PBFWG in 2027 and 2028.
5. JWG recommends that any use of conversion factors beyond this 20% and 35% specified above for 2027-2028 must utilize the previous conversion factor of 1.47.
6. JWG recommends that conversion of large fish quota to small fish quota shall not be permitted in any management period.

Biennial measures / Carryover

7. JWG recommends both Commissions utilize biennial measures to implement the MP.
8. JWG recommends both Commissions may utilize up to 17% carryover of the initial quota within the biennium to be used in the next biennium management period.
9. Within the two-year biennium, the JWG recommends a maximum of 125% of the biennial limit may be caught in a single year.

EPO sport fishery

10. JWG recommends the EPO sport fishery be managed in a manner consistent with EPO commercial fisheries, while remaining separate from the catch limit applicable to EPO commercial fisheries.

For the implementation of the MP, catches of the EPO sport fishery are assumed at 1,288mt. Accordingly, the EPO commercial limit is calculated using the following formula:

$$[\text{EPO Commercial limit}] = [\text{EPO catch limit prescribed by the MP}] - 1,288\text{mt}$$

If the total actual catch in the EPO (commercial and sport fisheries combined) exceeds the EPO catch limit prescribed by the MP for consecutive years, the ISC will consider whether such an overage constitutes an “exceptional circumstance”.

Age-0 Fish

11. JWG recommends that WCPO age-0 (smaller than 2kg) catch should not increase beyond 50% of 2002-2004 levels.

Scope of MP

12. JWG recommends that the MP applies to the WCPFC Convention Area and IATTC Convention Area.

Reporting

13. JWG recommends that reporting of the catch limits detail any modifications from the initial annual limit (adjustments between the biennium, carryover, overage, conversion factors), and recommend the use of a uniform format to be agreed by the IATTC and the WCPFC, respectively.
14. JWG recommends that the ISC provide its estimation of age-0 (smaller than 2kg) catch on a regular basis.