

Provisional Agenda
Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group
15-16 April, 2009
Tokyo, Japan

1. Opening of the Meeting

1.1. Welcome

1.2. Confirmation of Chair

1.3. Introduction of participants

1.4. Terms of Reference and Adoption of Agenda

2. Development of a Draft Strategic Plan

This will build on discussions held at the informal meeting.

3. Development of a rebuilding strategy and technical measures for managing the SBT stock

The Terms of Reference for the SFMWG meeting specified that this first meeting of the SFMWG would focus on the rebuilding strategy for SBT and any other appropriate technical measures for managing SBT stocks.

4. Advice to the Extended Scientific Committee concerning the five alternative constant catch projection options suggested by the ESC for producing management advice.

The Stock Assessment Group agreed that management advice in 2009 could be based on constant catch projections from the reconditioned operating model, and an evaluation of current stock status and recent recruitment based on indicators, in contrast to a fully developed Management Procedure. Five alternative future constant catch options were suggested: 1) TAC in 2009, 2) TAC 2009 + 2000 t, 3) TAC 2009 - 2000 t, 4) TAC 2009 + 4000 t, and 5) TAC 2009 - 4000 t. The year in which TAC would change for future catch projections is 2010. The Extended Scientific Committee sought advice from the Extended Commission on these choices. CCSBT15 noted that this advice could be provided from the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group.

5. Future work for the SFMWG

Specification of any intersessional work to be completed before CCSBT16 and recommendation for holding additional meetings of the SFMWG.

6. Other Business

This may include identification and discussion of issues relating to setting the TAC for 2010 that should be considered in the lead up to CCSBT16.

7. Close of Meeting

7.1. Adoption of Report

7.2. Close of meeting