

**Provisional Agenda**

**Extended Scientific Committee for the Fifteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee**

**Taipei, Taiwan**

**4-10 September 2010**

**1. Opening**

- 1.1. Introduction of Participants
- 1.2. Administrative Arrangements

**2. Appointment of Rapporteurs**

**3. Adoption of Agenda and Document List**

**4. Review of SBT Fisheries**

- 4.1. Presentation of National Reports
- 4.2. Secretariat Review of Catches

**5. Australian SBT Farm Study**

**6. Monitoring of Japanese markets**

**7. Report from the Joint Meeting of Tuna RFMOs on the Provision of Scientific Advice**

*A joint meeting of tuna RFMOs is being held in Barcelona from 31 May to 2 June 2010 to discuss the provision of scientific advice. The ESC Chair will provide a brief summary of the outcome from this meeting.*

**8. Report from intersessional CPUE modelling work**

*This agenda item provides an opportunity to receive reports of intersessional CPUE modelling work conducted by Members and through the CPUE modelling group. An important goal is to specify the methodology that will be used to calculate CPUE for input to the MP, as well as the checks that would be part of the metarule process.*

**9. Report from the Third Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Meeting**

*The MP Coordinator will provide a brief summary of the outcome of the Third OMMP meeting held in Seattle from 21-25 June 2010.*

## 10. Development of Management Procedure

*The Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna adopted at CCSBT 16 specified, amongst other things, that: the CCSBT Management Procedure (MP) should be finalised in 2010 for agreement by the Extended Commission at its annual meeting in 2010; and that an emergency rule should be developed as part of the MP for exceptional circumstances such as recruitment lower than historically low levels. The 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the SFMWG provided additional guidance for the MP development work at agenda item 4 of the SFMWG report.*

- 10.1. Evaluation of performance of candidate MPs
- 10.2. Finalise MP selection to recommend at CCSBT 17
- 10.3. Specification of input data and methods used to calculate indices for MP implementation
- 10.4. Evaluation of Need for Emergency Measures (Metarule Process)  
*The process of operating metarules for exceptional circumstances was defined in Attachment 6 of the ESC 10 report. The 2<sup>nd</sup> SFMWG meeting agreed that this is an appropriate process for detecting and responding to exceptional circumstances and recommended that this process be adopted by the Commission when adopting the MP.*

## 11. SBT Assessment, Stock Status and Management

- 11.1. Review of fisheries Indicators  
*Members should produce their usual fisheries indicators paper for examination and review by the meeting. A report from the close-kin abundance project will also be included in this section.*
- 11.2. Maximum sustainable yield and available yield when the interim reference rebuilding target is reached  
*The April SFMWG meeting requested that the Extended Scientific Committee estimate the level of the available yield when the interim reference rebuilding target is reached and also requested that an estimate of MSY be provided. Members are requested to produce estimates for evaluation at the meeting. If work commitments on the MP prevent these estimates from being produced or properly evaluated, the ESC will develop a schedule for this work in its 2011 work plan.*
- 11.3. Status of the SBT Stock  
*Summary of the current status of the SBT stock. An update should also be provided of the annual report on biology, stock status and management of SBT that the ESC prepares for provision to FAO and the other tuna RFMOs. The updated annual report should include a “Kobe” plot<sup>1</sup> if possible and Member’s are requested to include such a plot in their indicator papers.*
- 11.4. SBT Management Recommendations  
*In particular, provide recommendations to the Extended Commission in relation to adoption of an MP. Also, provide advice (based on indicators, without a full assessment) in relation to a TAC for 2012 in case the Extended Commission decides to implement a one year time lag between TAC calculations by the MP and implementation of that TAC.*

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<sup>1</sup> The joint meeting of tuna RFMOs in Kobe during 2007 agreed that all tuna RFMOs would produce a standardised plot of stock status trajectories of  $F/F_{msy}$  against  $B/B_{msy}$ , with 4 shaded quadrants to enable simple comparison of the state of the different tuna stocks.

## **12. Data Confidentiality and Exchange**

### **12.1. Data Confidentiality Rules and Arrangements**

*CCSBT 16 tasked the Executive Secretary with developing draft rules and other necessary arrangements for the exchange of confidential data drawing on precedence from other RFMOs, as relevant for consideration by the ESC and the CC at their 2010 meetings. Draft rules have been prepared and circulated by the Secretariat and a revised draft incorporating comments received will be submitted to the ESC for its consideration.*

### **12.2. Recommended Requirements for Exchange of Confidential Data in 2011**

*The first meeting of the SFMWG recognised the importance of providing data at a suitable level of resolution, which for catch and effort data, was considered to be operational level. That meeting agreed that if the confidentiality issues could be overcome then it should be possible for Members to provide operational level data. CCSBT 16 and SFMWG 2 gave further impetus to the exchange of such data by requesting that the above confidentiality rules and arrangements be developed.*

*This agenda item is to develop recommendations on confidential data that should be exchanged for scientific purposes. It is envisaged that any recommendations would be specific about exactly what data should be provided, by what Members, what it will be used for, what the exchange mechanism will be (e.g. through the Secretariat, or bilaterally), and who should have access to that data (which is likely to be a restricted set of people of those Members who would be conducting the analyses).*

*The recommendations of the ESC would be subject to approval by the Extended Commission and the actual exchange of confidential data would then be subject to meeting the requirements of the Data Confidentiality Rules and other arrangements to be agreed by the Extended Commission.*

### **12.3. Requirements for Data Exchange in 2011**

*This agenda item relates to the standard data exchange requirements that the ESC determines each year. This year, particular attention will need to be given to any data required by the recommended MP(s). In addition, timeframes agreed for provision of the data may need to be earlier than usual due to the desire of Members to hold the ESC meeting earlier than usual. Finally, when preparing the 2011 Data Exchange requirements, it should be noted that the CCSBT Strategic Plan recommended by the SFMWG specifies that data provision rules should be agreed that ensure that Members report accurate and complete data on all sources of SBT mortality.*

## **13. Research Mortality Allowance**

## **14. Workplan, Timetable and Research Budget for 2011**

14.1. Overview, time schedule and budgetary implications of proposed 2011 research activities.

14.2. Timing, length and structure of next meeting

*The SFMWG has requested the Secretariat to investigate the possibility of holding the 2011 ESC meeting one month earlier than usual (i.e. early August). This investigation is currently underway and the Secretariat will report back prior to the 2010 meeting.*

## **15. Other Matters**

## **16. Adoption of Meeting Report**

## **17. Close of Meeting**