

Draft Agenda
Extended Commission of the Fifteenth Annual Meeting of the Commission
14-17 October 2008
Auckland, New Zealand

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Fifteenth Meeting of the Commission
 - 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1.3. Opening Statements
 - 1.3.1. Members
 - 1.3.2. Cooperating Non-members

Opening statements will be incorporated in the official record of the meeting. Electronic copies should be provided to the Secretariat.

2. Report from the Secretariat

The Executive Secretary will present a report on the activities of the Secretariat in the preceding year.

3. Finance and Administration
 - 3.1 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee
 - 3.2 Discussion on Finance Issues

The Finance and Administration Committee is established and convened to consider a revised budget for 2008, the proposed budget for 2009 and an indicative budget for 2010. The committee will recommend budgets for adoption by the Extended Commission.

The audit report and financial statements for 2007 will be discussed under sub-item 3.2.

4. Review of SBT Fisheries

The Extended Commission's agreed rules require each member to provide a report on their SBT fishing activities in the previous season and including all sources of SBT mortality.

5. Governance – Role of Chair and Commissioners

The Extended Commission will consider redefining the role of the Chair and Commissioners for the governance of the CCSBT. The item was agreed at the informal meeting of Commissioners on 7 August.

6. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's third meeting on 12-13 October 2008.

This item is linked to agenda item 7.

7. Integrated Monitoring, Control and Surveillance System

This item is to discuss implementation of the Extended Commission's decisions on MCS measures and will be informed by the recommendations of the Compliance Committee.

8. Australian SBT farm Study

- examination of 2007-2008 results
- discussion of Australian SBT farm study

This item has been nominated by Japan.

9. Recreational Fisheries

This item has been nominated by Japan.

10. Report from the Extended Scientific Committee

The Chair of the Extended Scientific Committee will present the report of the Committee's meeting in September 2008. The report will include management advice on the status of the SBT stock, which will be used by the Extended Commission when discussing agenda item 11. Other issues such as progress with the management procedure results and recommendations from the Australian SBT farming reviews will also be presented.

11. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

The Convention provides for the setting of a TAC and national allocations for Members and Cooperating non-members. The Extended Commission decided at CCSBT13 in 2006 to set binding catch limits for members for 2007-2009.

An allocation for Indonesia in 2009 will have to be decided to complete the national allocations for members.

Members will have the opportunity to review this decision in the light of the advice of the Scientific Committee.

Allocations for 2009 for cooperating non-members will have to be agreed.

12. Administration of Over/Under Catch

This item has been nominated by New Zealand.

13. CCSBT Performance Review

The Commission will consider the report of the Performance Review Working Group.

14. Ecologically Related Species Working Group

The Ecologically Related Species Working Group (ERSWG) last met in July 2007 and usually meets every second year.

The Commission will need to decide whether the ERSWG is to meet in 2009 and any guidance it wants to give to the Group.

15. Cooperating Non-members

The resolution establishing the status of cooperating non-member requires an annual review of the continuation of that status based on performance against the undertakings given to the Extended Commission. The EU has written to the Extended Commission indicating it cannot comply with the CCSBT's monthly catch reporting and trade documentation requirements. A report from the Secretariat will be available to support discussion of this item.

16. Relationship with Non-members

This item is for the discussion of issues related to the identified countries. A report from the Secretariat will be available to facilitate discussion.

17. Research Mortality Allowance

This item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for RMA associated with national research activity in 2009.

18. Activities with Other Organisations

The Executive Secretary will present a report on interactions with other bodies in the preceding year, including a report from the Tuna RFMO's Chair's meeting, and proposals for 2009.

19. Program of Work for 2009

The Secretariat will present a workplan for 2009 incorporating the the proposals of the various advisory bodies and a timetable/venues for meetings. The workplan will be adjusted as necessary to include decisions of the Extended Commission at CCSBT15.

20. Confidentiality of Commission Documents

The Extended Commission must formally agree to restrict availability of documents related to CCSBT15. Unless it is agreed to restrict availability, the standing decision of the Extended Commission is that all documents be placed in the public domain.

21. Other Business

22. Close of Meeting

- 22.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 16th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
- 22.2. Adoption of Report
- 22.3. Close of meeting