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8. Management Procedure

Purpose

To consider the advice of the Scientific Committee on the adoption of a management procedure for the southern bluefin tuna fishery.

Background

At CCSBT7 in April 2001, it was agreed to commence the development of a management procedure for the southern bluefin tuna fishery with input and guidance from the independent panel.

Since this decision the CCSBT has supported five special workshops and has referred the issue to the Stock Assessment Group on a number of occasions for consideration and deliberation. A Special Meeting of the Commission was convened in April 2004 to give management guidance to the developing scientists. A further special consultation between managers and developing scientists was conducted in May 2005.

Development is now complete and the Extended Scientific Committee has recommended a management procedure combined with an initial catch reduction of 5,000 tonnes in 2006 or 7,160 tonnes in 2007.

The Chairman of the Extended Scientific Committee will present the Committee's recommendations to the Extended Commission for decision.

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