

Provisional Agenda
Special Meeting of the Extended Commission
23-27 August 2011
Sydney, Australia

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of the Chair and Vice-Chair for the Special Meeting
 - 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1.3. Opening Statements

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

 - 1.3.1. Members
 - 1.3.2. Cooperating Non-members

2. Report from the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC)

The Chair of the ESC will present the report of the ESC's July meeting. The ESC has been tasked with conducting an up to date stock assessment and with updating the projections from the alternative management procedures (MPs) with the latest data. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation of the ESC report

3. Evaluation and Adoption of a Management Procedure (MP)

The Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna adopted at CCSBT 16 specified that an MP should be implemented in 2011 and be the basis for TAC setting for 2012 and beyond. The resolution also specified that in the event that an MP cannot be finalised by 2012, the Extended Commission shall adopt a reduction of the TAC for the 2012 fishing season to a level of 5,000t - 6,000t unless the Extended Commission decides otherwise based upon the new stock assessment.

Progress towards adoption of an MP and the rules that govern its operation is one of the main priorities for this meeting. In discussing the MP, it should be noted that the recommended strategic plan specifies that parameters should be set for the MP that ensure the precautionary principle is applied and ecosystem management is incorporated.

 - 3.1. Choice of MP and associated parameters

CCSBT 17 agreed on some parameters associated with an MP, including: tuning to a 70% probability of achieving the interim rebuilding target¹; setting 3-year TACs; and a minimum TAC change of 100t.

Decisions, or substantial progress towards decisions, will be required at this meeting regarding which MP to adopt and the associated parameters that have yet to be agreed, including: the timeframe required to reach the interim rebuilding target; the maximum size of TAC changes, the time lag between calculation and implementation of the TAC; and whether there should be an initial large TAC reduction before implementing the MP.
 - 3.2. Development of rules for a three year quota block

CCSBT 17 noted that the TAC under an MP could be considered either as 3 single year fixed allocations or as a 3 year block in which quota can be distributed between years provided that tightly controlled rules are agreed and in place prior to this occurring. In addition, CCSBT 17 noted that development of a framework to provide for under fishing and response to overfishing would be discussed as part of the rules for a 3 year block quota under the MP during the next SFMWG meeting. This agenda item provides an opportunity to define rules that should be in place for a 3 year block quota.

¹ An interim rebuilding target of 20% of SSB₀ has been previously agreed.

4. Total Allowable SBT Catch and its Allocation

4.1. TAC

At its 17th meeting in October 2010, the Extended Commission agreed to finalise and adopt a management procedure at a special meeting of commissioners in August 2011. This process will be linked to the TAC determination, a standing item on the agenda for the Extended Commission's annual meeting in October. However, one TAC issue that requires consideration in the context of finalising and adopting the management procedure is the process for determining a 2012 TAC should the management procedure include a 1-year lag.

4.2. Allocation of TAC

CCSBT 17 noted that defined rules about allocation of the TAC will be required under the MP. Allocation issues that require consideration include: Review of Japan's reduced allocation in accordance with paragraph 66 of the CCSBT 13 report; The allocation to South Africa for when it ratifies its Membership to the CCSBT and how CCSBT will allocate to future new Members; and Clear, predefined rules for allocation of the TAC whenever it is changed by the MP.

5. Consideration of a revised draft CCSBT Strategic Plan

Consideration of this agenda item is subject to time availability. CCSBT 17 did not achieve consensus to adopt the draft CCSBT Strategic Plan due to a request made at CCSBT 17 to make changes to the plan. Members have submitted desired changes to the Secretariat and these have been incorporated into the draft Plan. The revised draft Plan has been distributed to Members and CNMs with CCSBT Circular 2011/007 and with SFMWG paper CCSBT-SFMWG/1103/04.

6. Pending issues on CCSBT Confidentiality arrangements

Consideration of this agenda item is subject to time availability. Three paragraphs of the Rules and Procedures for the Protection, Access to, and Dissemination of Data Compiled by the CCSBT (5c, 21 and 22) were not to be implemented at CCSBT 17. CCSBT 17 notes that these three paragraphs would be discussed before CCSBT 18.

7. Provision of Fisheries-Dependent Data to Support the Scientific Assessment of Southern Bluefin Tuna and Ecologically Related Species

Consideration of this agenda item is subject to time availability. CCSBT 17 noted that Australia's draft Resolution on this topic had not been agreed, but it was included at Attachment 16 of the CCSBT 17 report for possible discussion at future meetings.

8. Compliance Committee Working Group Session

It is anticipated that plenary discussions of the Special Meeting will conclude after 3 ½ days (i.e. by 12:30pm Friday) to allow a Compliance Committee Working Group (CCWG) to meet until 12:30pm Saturday. The CCWG session will be chaired by the Chair of the Compliance Committee and will focus on compliance issues that were to be discussed at the SFMWG meeting, including:

- *Development of a CCSBT Compliance Plan and Compliance Policy Statements;*
- *If time is available, then also:*
 - *Discussion of a Regional Observer Program and*
 - *Discussion of Member's compliance papers that were developed for the SFMWG meeting.*

The intent of these discussions is to raise awareness of the various issues before the October meeting of the Compliance Committee as an aid to enable effective progress to be made at that meeting. The CCWG session is not expected to reach final agreement on these issues and there may not be a need to produce a report of this session. However, to enable maximum time for discussion, any report will be extremely brief and would be included as an attachment to the report of the Special Meeting as opposed to being included in the body of that report.

9. Other Business

9.1. Report from Indonesia about the SBT imported from Indonesia to Japan without CDS documents and tags

Japan suggested that if time allows, it would be useful to have an opportunity to hear a report from Indonesia on this topic, particularly in relation to future measures to be implemented by Indonesia to prevent similar events from occurring again.

10. Close of Meeting

10.1. Adoption of report

It is anticipated that the report adoption session will commence at 2pm on Saturday 27 August 2011.

10.2. Close of meeting