

Commission for the Conservation of
Southern Bluefin Tuna



みなまぐろ保存委員会

Report of the Special Meeting of the Commission

**6 August 2008
Tokyo, Japan**

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Agenda Item 1. Opening of Meeting

1. The Chair welcomed participants and opened the meeting
2. The agenda was adopted and is included at **Appendix 1**.
3. Participants were introduced and the list of meeting participants is included at **Appendix 2**.

Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Decisions and Report of the Extended Commission

4. The Commission adopted the decisions taken in the Extended Commission Report, which is at **Appendix 3**.

Agenda Item 3. Close of meeting

5. The meeting closed at 4.45pm, 6 August 2008.

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Appendix 3

**Report of the Special Meeting
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Agenda Item 1. Opening of meeting

1. The Chair (Mr Stan Crothers) opened the meeting.
2. The agenda was adopted and is included at **Attachment 1**.
3. The list of meeting participants is included at **Attachment 2**.

Agenda Item 2. Selection of Executive Secretary

4. The Extended Commission conducted interviews of five applicants for the position of Executive Secretary. It was agreed to appoint Mr Robert Kennedy as Executive Secretary for a period of three years with effect from 31 October 2008.
5. The Commission agreed that the Chair would develop a management training program for Mr Kennedy as part of his induction into the position.
6. The current Executive Secretary was directed to prepare an employment contract consistent with the CCSBT's Staff Regulations to be signed on behalf of the Commission by the Chairman.

Agenda Item 3. Performance Review

3.1 Self Assessment Report

7. The Extended Commission adopted the report of the Performance Review Working Group. The Extended Commission thanked Ingrid Jamieson and the Executive Secretary for their work in preparing the self assessment report.
8. The Extended Commission noted, in particular, that the Working Group's recommendations concerning better cooperation among RFMOs was important to members.

3.2 Selection of Independent Reviewer/s

9. The Extended Commission discussed the list of independent reviewers. It was agreed to engage David Balton and that the Executive Secretary would convey this decision to the reviewer with the terms of reference set out in **Attachment 3**. The reviewer would be asked to complete his work and submit his report to the Executive Secretary by 5 September 2008.

Agenda Item 4. Other business

10. It was agreed to extend the appointment of David Wood as the Chair of the Compliance Committee for a further period of one year.

Agenda Item 5. Close of Meeting

11. The report of the meeting was adopted.
12. The meeting closed at 4.40pm, 6 August 2008.

List of Attachments

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Terms of Reference for the independent experts of the CCSBT Performance Review Working Group

The CCSBT has prepared a self assessment of CCSBT's performance against the *Suggested Criteria for Reviewing the Performance of Regional Fisheries Management Organisations (RFMOs)* agreed after the joint meeting of the five tuna RFMOs in Kobe, Japan in 2007 (the criteria are attached to the self assessment report provided).

You are required to:

- i) review the CCSBT's self assessment report using the information contained in the report, any additional CCSBT related information provided to you (i.e. the links to CCSBT reports on the CCSBT website and contact details of the Chairs of the CCSBT's subsidiary bodies), and your own experience and understanding of international fisheries management frameworks and current international best practice
- ii) provide a report detailing the findings of your review of the CCSBT self assessment to the Executive Secretary by 5 September 2008
- iii) In your report you should focus on:
 - a. The standard at which the CCSBT is currently operating and whether, in terms of outcomes, it satisfies current international best practice
 - b. The current mandate of the CCSBT and whether it corresponds with international best practice
 - c. Whether the comments and recommendations in the self assessment are appropriate and, if implemented, whether they would be sufficient to improve CCSBT's performance
 - d. Your views on the priority of the comments and recommendations in the CCSBT self assessment
 - e. Providing any additional comments or recommendations you might have on how the CCSBT's performance can be improved for the CCSBT to consider further.