

Provisional Agenda
Extended Commission of the Seventeenth Annual Meeting of the Commission
11-14 October 2010
Taipei, Taiwan

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Seventeenth Meeting of the Commission
 - 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 Secretariat

The Executive Secretary will present a report on the activities of the Secretariat in the preceding year. It is typically assumed that participants have read the report, so this agenda item is primarily for comments and questions on the report.
3. Finance and Administration

The Executive Secretary will present a brief outline of the revised 2010 budget and the proposed budget for 2011. Detailed consideration of the budget and other administrative matters will be referred to the Finance and Administration Committee which will report back to the Extended Commission (EC) with a recommended budget.

 - 3.1. Report from the Finance and Administration Committee
 - 3.2. Discussion on Finance Issues and adoption of budget
4. Review of SBT Fisheries and ERS Interactions

Each Member and Cooperating Non-Member will submit a paper prior to the meeting, reporting on its SBT fishing activities in the previous season and including all sources of SBT mortality. As agreed at CCSBT 16, Members should include in their National Reports, a table of observed ERS interactions including mortalities, and methods of scaling to produce estimates of total mortality, in the same format as presented in Attachment 4 of the ERSWG8 Report. Participants are expected to have read these reports, so they will not be presented at the meeting. This agenda item is therefore for questions, comments and follow-up discussion in relation to the reports. Discussion may not be necessary for issues that have been discussed in the preceding meeting of the Compliance Committee.

 - 4.1. Monitoring of Japanese wholesale markets and Australian SBT farming operations

Added by Japan. Japan noted that it is appropriate to follow up the issue of Japanese markets and Australian SBT farming as this is scheduled to be discussed in the ESC.
 - 4.2. Recreational Fisheries

Added by Japan. Japan noted that CCSBT15 agreed that estimates of recreational catch should be reported to the Extended Commission on an annual basis and considered it appropriate to include an agenda item on this issue.
5. Report from the Compliance Committee

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's Fifth meeting held on 9-10 October 2010. The Compliance Committee may have recommendations or draft resolutions for the EC to consider on issues such as compliance with existing measures, or new and modified monitoring, control and surveillance measures.

6. **Report from the Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group**
The Chair¹ of the SFMWG will present the report from the April SFMWG meeting. This includes a recommendation to the EC on a strategic plan for the CCSBT and advice to the Extended Scientific Committee (ESC) in relation to development of the Management Procedure. The SFMWG meeting also recommended that a “Metarule Process” (Attachment 6 of SC10) for exceptional circumstances be adopted by the Extended Commission when adopting the MP.
7. **Report from the 2010 Joint Tuna RFMO workshops**
Four joint tuna RFMO workshops are being held in 2010. These are: (1) International Workshop on Improvement, Harmonization and Compatibility of Monitoring, Control and Surveillance Measures; (2) Meeting of Experts to share Best Practises on the Provision of Scientific Advice; (3) Bycatch workshop; and (4) Workshop on RFMO management of tuna fisheries. The Secretariat will provide a brief report of the outcome of these workshops.
8. **Adoption and Implementation of the CCSBT Strategic Plan**
- 8.1. **Adoption of the Plan**
The SFMWG referred Goal II of the strategic plan (“Ensure that all states and Regional Economic Integration Organisations (REIOs) and entities catching SBT are engaged in the cooperative management of SBT”) to the EC for its review and for consideration of a timeline for the two strategies² relating to this goal. The EC should review this goal and develop an associated timeframe when considering adoption of the Strategic Plan.
- 8.2. **Implementation of the Plan**
This agenda item assumes that the Strategic Plan is adopted. According to the timeline within the Strategic Plan, there are numerous items that need to be addressed at this meeting. Some of these items are dealt with elsewhere in this agenda, or in the agendas of the ESC and CC meetings, or in other meetings such as the Kobe II workshops. The other items to be dealt with at this meeting are listed below, with their priorities (according to the plan) shown in parentheses. There may not be sufficient time to deal with these items in plenary sessions, so the meeting may need to be flexible regarding how it considers these matters. This could include dealing with high priority items only, or forming two/three small working groups³ to discuss and draft associated recommendations in the margins of the meeting. The Secretariat will prepare a paper containing recommendations and suggested approaches for as many items as possible to facilitate discussion.
- Set limits below which stock size should not be allowed to fall, and strategies for managing if limits are breached (*very high*);
 - Reinforce the role of the Compliance Committee so that the Commission can obtain accurate data on all fisheries (*very high*);
 - Develop a framework to provide for underfishing and respond to low levels of overfishing (*low*);
 - Assess capacity in the fishery in relation to available catches and in assess threats to SBT from over capacity in other fleets (*low*);
 - Identify ways to streamline Commission processes (including annual and subsidiary meetings) (*High*);
 - Implement a rule that the Commission must clearly document the rationale for decisions, including where they differ from the science advice provided to the Commission (*Medium*);
 - Task the SC with incorporating standards (precautionary, ecosystem) into its advice to the Commission (*Medium*);
 - Establish fair, transparent and non-discriminatory procedures for penalties (e.g. payback of overcatch, quota reduction) and incentives to promote compliance (*High*); and

¹ Or his representative.

² “Develop mechanisms for extending CCSBT Membership to REIOs” and “Define processes for those seeking cooperating non-member or membership status to the CCSBT”.

³ Recognising the difficulties that concurrent groups cause for Members.

- Work with developing country members and Cooperating Non-Members to identify areas where assistance would be beneficial to ensure they meet obligations under Commission decisions. Identify ways in which assistance may be provided (e.g. up-skilling, secondments, workshops etc) (*Medium*).

9. Report from the Extended Scientific Committee

The Chair of the ESC will present the report of the ESC's September meeting. The ESC has been tasked with finalising the development of a management procedure (MP) during 2010. The ESC's report should include alternative MPs and an evaluation of those alternatives for the EC to consider when adopting a preferred MP for the CCSBT. There will be a question and answer session following the presentation of the ESC report.

10. Adoption of a Management Procedure

The Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna adopted at CCSBT 16 specified that the CCSBT MP should be finalised in 2010 for agreement by the EC at its annual meeting in 2010. Agreeing on an MP also involves agreeing on associated issues including rebuilding timeframes, any short term checkpoints, maximum TAC changes, rebuilding probability and time lag for implementation of TAC changes etc. Guidance on all these issues has been provided to the MP technical working group and the ESC by the SFMWG. The Resolution on the Total Allowable Catch and Future Management of Southern Bluefin Tuna also specified that the MP should be implemented in 2011 and be the basis for TAC setting for 2012 and beyond. Adoption of a Management Procedure 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.

11. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation

10.1 TAC determination

The TAC for 2010 and 2011 was agreed at CCSBT 16. The TAC for these two years should not require further discussion unless unexpected issues are identified with respect to the state of the SBT stock. However, depending on any time lags agreed between MP TAC calculations and TAC implementation, there may be a need to decide the 2012 TAC at this meeting.

10.2 Research Mortality Allowance

This item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for Research Mortality Allowance associated with national research activity in 2011.

10.3 Allocation of TAC

Allocation of the TAC has been set for 2010 and 2011. At CCSBT 16, the EC agreed to start discussion from this meeting on quota allocation rules which may be used from 2012. The recommended CCSBT Strategic Plan also identifies that principles should be established for allocation to Members following Article 8(4) of the Convention and that options should be developed (based on Convention text) for long term allocation arrangements for all Members, including new members, and apply to TAC increases or decreases.

12. 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. There are three Cooperating Non-Members to consider: Philippines, South Africa and the European Union.

13. Relationship with Non-members

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

14. Activities with Other Organisations

The Executive Secretary will present a report on interactions with other bodies in the preceding year and any proposals for 2011. This will include developments with respect to formalising a relationship with CCAMLR.

14.1. Relationship with CCAMLR

14.2. Others

15. Governance – Role of Chair and Commissioners

At CCSBT 15, the Extended Commission agreed to consider appointing Chairs and Vice Chairs for a period of two years with the opportunity for reappointment for a further two years. The new appointment could commence either in 2011 or 2012. CCSBT 16 agreed to defer a decision on this matter until CCSBT 17. The CCSBT Strategic Plan recommended by the SFMWG also identifies that this issue should be considered in 2010 and notes that rotation of the meeting venue would continue to occur even though the Chair remains the same.

16. Confidentiality of Data and Documents

16.1. 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 following consultation with the ESC and CC will be prepared for the EC's consideration.

16.2. Confidentiality of documents from previous years

At CCSBT 16, one Member requested that CCSBT revisit the issue of confidentiality of the documents classified as confidential at CCSBT 16 and to have full discussion of the confidentiality of these documents in 2010. These papers were classified as confidential because they referred to information from the Market and Farm reviews that are still classified as confidential.

16.3. Confidentiality of reports and documents from 2010

This agenda item is to determine whether the reports of meetings and any documents produced for meetings related to CCSBT17 should be restricted from public release⁴.

17. Other Business

18. Close of Meeting

18.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 18th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT

18.2. Dates and timing for the meetings in 2011

The SFMWG meeting agreed that the need for a SFMWG meeting in 2011 would be decided at CCSBT17. The SFMWG also tasked the Secretariat with investigating the possibility of holding the 2011 meeting of the ESC one month earlier than usual (i.e. early August), but an earlier date could not be arranged. The Extended Commission will need to confirm and/or specify dates for the meetings in 2011, including the ESC, Compliance Committee and Extended Commission meetings.

18.3. Adoption of report

18.4. Close of meeting

⁴ Reports of meetings related to CCSBT 17 become publicly available after CCSBT 17 unless the Extended Commission agrees to restrict the availability of a report. Similarly, documents submitted to such meetings become publicly available after CCSBT 17 unless the document contains previously restricted information, or unless the author of the document (or Member if the author is a representative of a Member) makes a request to restrict its release.