



CCSBT-EC/1110/09

REPORT FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE EXTENDED COMMISSION

Purpose

To consider the Report from the Special Meeting of the Extended Commission.

Discussion

The Report of the Special Meeting is provided to this meeting as CCSBT-EC/1110/Rep02.
The Chair will present the report.

The main outcomes of the Special Meeting comprised:

- Further progress towards agreeing a management procedure (MP), including agreeing that:
 - The “Bali Procedure” as recommended by SC16 would be adopted.
 - An initial reduction period was not required prior to implementation of the MP.
 - The Metarule process recommended by SC15 would be used for identifying and dealing with exceptional circumstances.
 - Some Members also wished to have an emergency rule for specific purposes and this issue would be considered further at CCSBT 18.
 - The MP will recommend the TAC for 2012-2014 inclusive (i.e. no lag), but after that, there will be a one year lag between TAC calculation by the MP and implementation of that TAC (i.e. the 2015-2017 TAC would be calculated in 2013). The agreed TAC implementation dates for each Member and CNM are provided at Attachment A.
 - Member scientists will produce results for 12 different variations of the Bali Procedure using agreed combinations of tuning years (2030 and 2035), maximum TAC changes (3,000t and 5,000t) and rules relating to a TAC increase in the first TAC setting period (no increase, maximum of 1,000t increase, maximum increase of the same value as the maximum TAC change option being run). These results will be presented to CCSBT 18 in paper CCSBT-EC/1110/18.
- Recommendations, in principle, for managing catch allocations over the three year period for which the MP generates a TAC. These included:
 - Catches being maintained within an annual allocation of the same level for each of the three years, except for limited provision for carry-forward of under-catch.
 - Optional under-fishing provisions that would allow uncaught quota of up to 20% of a Member’s annual allocation to be carried forward to the next quota year¹. However, final agreement to such provisions is subject to consideration of the monitoring and accounting mechanisms that need to be in place as part of these provisions.
 - Consideration will be given to conditional carry-forward of under-fishing from the last year of one three-year period to the first year of the next (but only if the TAC remains the same or increases).
 - That these recommendations be considered by the Compliance Committee and the EC.

¹ Quota that has been carried forward would not in turn generate under-fishing carry-forward.

- Agreement on certain general points relating to the allocation of the future TAC, comprising:
 - Members that have taken voluntary catch reductions should be able to cease taking those reductions.
 - All Members have an interest in returning to their nominal allocations as expressed in the report of CCSBT 16, and in moving all Members towards these nominal allocations as soon as the status of the stock allows.
 - A process needs to be developed for returning Japan's actual allocation of the TAC to its nominal percentage. The timing, rate and achievement of status of conditions mentioned in paragraph 66 of the Report of the CCSBT 13 for return are subject to further discussion.
 - South Africa's circumstances as a range State for SBT were recognised, and serious consideration to the level of allocation to South Africa is underway. Any new allocation in accordance with Article 8(4) of the Convention will be subject to South Africa acceding to the Convention.
 - In the event of a TAC increase, all Members should receive some proportion of that increase even in circumstances where part of the additional TAC may be applied on a non-proportional basis (e.g. allocation to new Members, return of past allocations etc.)
 - Unless a CNM accedes to the Convention, the allocations of CNMs will remain at status quo levels during the first TAC-setting period.
- Revision and adoption of the CCSBT Strategic Plan.
- Consideration of a number of issues at either the Special Meeting or the Compliance Working Group session held during the Special Meeting that will result in four sets of revised papers being submitted to CC6 and/or CCSBT 18, these papers being:
 - The Compliance Plan and Compliance Policy Statements.
 - A paper by Australia on Provision on fisheries-dependent data to support the scientific assessment of SBT and ecologically related species.
 - A proposal by Japan for a resolution on strengthening compliance.
 - A proposal by Australia on the development of a Regional Observer Program.

**TAC Implementation Timetable assuming that the Management Procedure is adopted
in October 2011**

TAC Implementation Dates

New Zealand: 1 October 2011

Australia: 1 December 2011

Indonesia, Philippines, South Africa, European Union: 1 January 2012

Korea, Japan, Taiwan: 1 April 2012

The next management procedure recommendation will be before the Extended Commission in October 2013 and the TAC implementation dates for that recommendation will be:

New Zealand: 1 October 2014

Australia: 1 December 2014

Indonesia, Philippines, South Africa, European Union: 1 January 2015

Korea, Japan, Taiwan: 1 April 2015