

Provisional Agenda
Extended Scientific Committee for the Eighteenth Meeting of the Scientific Committee
Canberra, Australia
2 – 7 September, 2013

1. Opening

- 1.1. Introduction of Participants
- 1.2. Administrative Arrangements

2. Appointment of Rapporteurs

3. Adoption of Agenda and Document List

The agenda appears to be ambitious. Priorities and timing of agenda items will be discussed at this point to ensure that the most important items are satisfactorily dealt with.

4. Review of SBT Fisheries

4.1. Presentation of National Reports

Members and CNMs are reminded that ESC17 adopted a High-level Code of Practice for Scientific Data Verification (Attachment 10 of the ESC17 report) which encourages Members and CNMs to report annually to the ESC on the data verification conducted in accordance with the Code of practice. These reports can be attached to National Reports or to separate papers on data preparation.

4.2. Secretariat Review of Catches

5. Evaluation of Fisheries Indicators and SBT stock status

5.1. Indicators of the state of the SBT stock

5.2. Indicators of exceptional circumstances for the MP

ESC 17 agreed a standard agenda item under the Evaluation of Fisheries Indicators for future ESC meetings should be examination of whether the MP input data series and relevant indicators would trigger exceptional circumstances under the meta-rule process. It was further agreed that this should include reporting of results against a standard set of analyses similar to those provided in CCSBT-ESC/1208/41 to be agreed at ESC18. Finally, it was decided that a summary of these results will be reported under Management Advice.

5.3. Summary of the SBT stock status

6. Report on intersessional scientific activities

This is a placeholder agenda item to allow presentation on other work not covered in the agenda items.

7. Report from the CPUE modelling group

- 7.1. Report of April web meeting and other intersessional work
- 7.2. Quality control of Base CPUE series
- 7.3. Progress with developing new CPUE series

8. Evaluation of new data sources and operating models to be used in 2014

Discussion under this agenda item will depend on progress at the 23-26 July 2013 Technical Meeting in Portland.

8.1. Report from the Portland Technical meeting

- 8.2. Incorporation of results from close-kin genetics analysis into the OM
- 8.3. Direct ageing data
- 8.4. Evaluation of use of commercial spotting data

9. Operation of MP to produce recommended TACs for 2015 – 2017

10. SBT Management Advice

11. Update of MP and OM codes

- 11.1. Discuss issues related to the update of the MP and OM codes

12. Finalise Scientific Research Program

13. Requirements for Data Exchange in 2014

14. Research Mortality Allowance

15. Report of the Ecologically Related Species Working Group

16. Workplan, Timetable and Research Budget for 2014

- 16.1. Overview, time schedule and budgetary implications of proposed 2014 research activities and implications of Scientific Research Program for the work plan and budget

Of particular importance is developing the work program for the 2014 stock assessment. Discussion of this aspect of the work plan will commence at an appropriate time earlier in the meeting.

- 16.2. Timing, length and structure of next meeting

17. Other Matters

18. Adoption of Meeting Report

19. Close of Meeting