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Mr. Stefaan Depypere, ICCAT Chairman
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Mr. Driss Meski
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Dear Chairman Depypere and Mr. Meski:

I am writing in regards to the recently adopted *Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish and Ad Hoc Working Group for Preparing the Next Performance Review (Rec. 14-12)*.

We note that the Working Group is tasked with preparing the terms of reference for the next performance review of ICCAT, and that these terms of reference shall include “parameters for the composition of the performance review panel, including possible suggestions for panelists, if appropriate.”

In keeping with the 2007 Kobe I agreement of all five tuna RFMOs that the reviews should be conducted by a team of individuals drawn from the RFMO Secretariat, members of that RFMO and outside experts, ISSF requests that the Working Group identify at least one panelist, preferably two, from the non-governmental community.

ISSF representatives have been nominated to serve as one of the NGO experts on IOTC Performance Review Panel that will commence its work in 2015 and served as an independent expert on the recently completed CCSBT Performance Review. ISSF would be pleased to provide an expert to participate as a panelist for the ICCAT Performance Review Panel and contribute to its work, if that was decision of the ICCAT CPCs. However, the essential element is that the panel include outside experts to ensure objectivity and credibility.



We look forward to continuing to work with ICCAT Secretariat and all ICCAT CPCs to achieve sustainable tuna fisheries in the Atlantic Ocean. We ask that this letter be circulated to all ICCAT Parties.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Jackson". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Susan Jackson
President