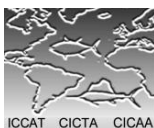


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Madrid, 15 March 2021

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 1673 / 2021

SUBJECT: LETTER FROM PWG CHAIR – 2021 INTERSESSIONAL CORRESPONDENCE PROCESS

Please find attached a letter and workplan from the Chair of the Permanent Working Group (PWG) indicating the timelines for the virtual discussion process in preparation for the forthcoming *14th Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM)* which will be held **14-17 June 2021**.

As noted by the PWG Chair in the workplan, draft measures for consideration at the IMM meeting should reach the Secretariat **by 21 April 2021**.

If there are other matters you wish to raise at the IMM meeting which have not been included in the Agenda, please inform the Chair, with copy to the Secretariat, as soon as possible.

Further information on the format of the meeting and registration process will be circulated in due course.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachments:

Letter from the Chair of PWG
IMM Tentative Agenda.
Workplan for IMM



15 March 2021

Dear All,

In accordance with the instructions of the Commission Chair in his letter of 15 February 2021 (ICCAT Circular #0959/21; document PLE-147), please find attached the IMM workplan for the coming intersessional correspondence period as well as the tentative agenda for the meeting foreseen from 14-17 June 2021.

Given the number of items on the Agenda and that the possibility of a physical meeting in June remains uncertain, I would encourage CPCs to engage in bilateral and multilateral consultations during the correspondence period in order to move forward as much as possible. As I proposed during the Annual meeting deliberations, only those issues which have matured and/or reflected by way of draft proposals will be discussed in the June meeting.

Organisational aspects of the meeting in June including whether the meeting will be physical, or a series of 'themed' virtual sessions based on selected agenda items, will be sent in due course.

I would underline the importance of respecting the deadlines in the workplan. Members wishing to make position statements are welcome to do so but should ensure that these are in accordance with the deadlines and the guidelines which will be issued by the Secretariat nearer to the meeting time. Similarly, if submitting any information other than draft proposals for circulation, please be as concise as possible.

I look forward to working with all delegations, moving our work forward and a fruitful meeting in June.

Yours sincerely,

Neil Ansell
PWG Chair

Attach.: IMM Tentative Agenda [IMM-01] & IMM Workplan [IMM-01 APP 1].

14TH MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP ON INTEGRATED MONITORING MEASURES (IMM)

TBD, 14-17 June 2021

TENTATIVE AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements
4. Review of Statistical and Catch Documentation Schemes (SDP/CDS) including:
 - 4.1 Consideration of measures referred from PA2/ Working Group on Bluefin Tuna Control and Traceability Measures (Rec. 18-12 and 18-13)
 - 4.2 Consideration of eBCD and any further actions and work of the eBCD Technical Working Group, including data extraction and reporting
 - 4.3 Overall strategy for CDS in ICCAT and potential expansion of CDS to other species
 - 4.4 Consideration of current SDPs (Bigeye and Swordfish) and any further actions (Rec. 01-21 and 01-22)
5. Consideration of measures relating to monitoring and inspection and flag state responsibilities, including:
 - 5.1 Vessel Monitoring Systems:
 - a) Consideration towards a Regional VMS
 - b) Measures related to BFT and live trade (Rec. 19-04)
 - 5.2 Observer Programmes:
 - a) Minimum standards for Electronic Monitoring Systems (Recs. 19-02 and 19-05)
 - b) Regional Observer Programmes:
 - Transshipment
 - Bluefin tuna (interpretation points from ROPs)
 - Consideration of possible scope and benefits of a new programme (Rec. 19-02)
 - c) Review of scientific observer programs, including implementation and consideration of any needed revisions or other actions (Rec. 16-14)
 - d) National observer training requirements (Rec. 19-04)
 - 5.3 At sea boarding and inspection, including updates on pilot program on voluntary exchange of inspection personnel (Res. 19-17) and vessel sightings (Rec. 19-09)
 - 5.4 Port State measures:
 - a) Composition of response to FAO on Port State Measures
 - b) Evaluation of the outcomes of the Fourth Meeting of the Joint FAO/IMO/ILO Ad Hoc Working Group on Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing and Related Matters (Torremolinos, Spain, 23-25 October 2019)
 - c) Review of the progress of the Port Inspection Expert Group for Capacity Building and Assistance including training module

- 5.5 At sea and in port transshipment
- 5.6 Reporting form for lost and abandoned gear (Rec. 19-11)
- 5.7 Other issues:
- 6. Review of vessel listing measures, including:
 - 6.1 Rec. 18-08, including IUU Vessel listing procedures including cross-listing
 - 6.2 Other issues
- 7. Performance review follow-up
- 8. Other matters
- 9. Adoption of report and adjournment

SUGGESTED SCHEDULE OF PREPARATORY WORK FOR IMM

Agenda item / Date		Deadline								
		April			May			June		
		April	21-Apr	30-Apr	14-May	21-May	28-May	02-Jun	09-Jun	11-Jun
Registration/Meeting									Final date for registration	Meeting
4	<i>Review of Statistical and Catch Documentation Schemes (SDP/CDS)</i>	CPCs encouraged to make bilateral and multilateral contacts	First drafts of proposed recommendations (if any) to be submitted	Draft recommendations to be posted in three languages	Deadline for first round of comments/changes on Draft proposals	1. Revised proposals (version A) to be posted; 2. Deadline for receipt of documents other than Draft proposals (information, clarification, etc.)	Deadline for second round of comments/changes on Draft proposals; Non-Rec documents to be posted	Revised (B version) draft proposals to be posted	1. 'Final' drafts for discussion to be submitted; 2. Deadline for written comments on other documents	Final' drafts of all documents to be posted for discussion during meeting
5	<i>Consideration of measures relating to monitoring and inspection and flag state responsibilities</i>	CPCs encouraged to make bilateral and multilateral contacts	First drafts of proposed Recommendations (if any) to be submitted	Draft Recommendations to be posted in three languages	Deadline for first round of comments/changes on Draft proposals	1. Revised proposals (version A) to be posted; 2. Deadline for receipt of documents other than Draft proposals (information, clarification etc.)	Deadline for second round of comments/changes on Draft proposals; Non-Rec documents to be posted	Revised (B version) draft proposals to be posted	1. 'Final' drafts for discussion to be submitted; 2. Deadline for written comments on other documents	Final' drafts of all documents to be posted for discussion during meeting

6	<i>Review of vessel listing measures</i>	CPCs encouraged to make bilateral and multilateral contacts	First drafts of proposed Recommendations (if any) to be submitted	Draft Recommendations to be posted in three languages	Deadline for first round of comments/changes on Draft proposals	1. Revised proposals (version A) to be posted; 2. Deadline for receipt of documents other than Draft proposals (information, clarification etc.)	Deadline for second round of comments/changes on Draft proposals; Non-Rec documents to be posted	Revised (B version) draft proposals to be posted	1. 'Final' drafts for discussion to be submitted; 2. Deadline for written comments on other documents	Final' drafts of all documents to be posted for discussion during meeting
7	<i>Performance review follow-up</i>					Chair to submit draft (based on previous update)				Updates to table based on discussions
8	<i>Other Matters</i>	CPCs to indicate, if possible if any other matters are foreseen	First drafts of proposed recommendations to be submitted and/or other matters	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Final date to raise 'other matters'	