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ICCAT CIRCULAR # 7682/ 2021

SUBJECT: CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE COMMISSION CHAIR REGARDING ON THE 2nd INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 4

Further to the ICCAT Circular #5824 of 3 August 2021 regarding the Commission Chairman's proposal on the intersessional workplan for Panel 4, including a possible additional virtual meeting, I am pleased to provide you a letter from the Chair in response to the comments received to his last draft proposal on North Atlantic shortfin mako shark.

After discussing with the Chair, a Second intersessional Panel 4 meeting has been scheduled online for **27 October 2021**, from 12:00 to 16:30 Madrid time, with a 30-minute coffee-break.

Draft proposals should be submitted to the Secretariat no later than **21 October 2021 (18:00, Madrid time)**. All documents will be published in an ownCloud folder and made available [here](#), as soon as these become available.

Accreditation by CPC and Observers will be required for participation. Therefore, in order to organize the meeting, in particular regarding the number of participants, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate by **22 October 2021**, with clear indication on those who can intervene during the meeting (panellists). Any late submission of the official delegation may cause delay in providing access to participants to the meeting. Participants must also register for the meetings using the online registration form available on the current meetings page of our website by **25 October 2021**, at the latest.

Due to the current workload at the Secretariat in terms of meetings reports, correspondence processes and documents for the upcoming meeting of the Commission in November, and bearing in mind the extension of the comments received from CPCs on the Chair's proposal, these comments are only being provided in the original language.



Furthermore, any CPC or Observer wishing to make position statements is welcome to do so, but should ensure that these are in accordance with the usual guidelines (maximum of 450 words, otherwise these will not be translated and only posted in the original language). A single statement will be accepted for delegation duly registered to the meeting.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Correspondence from Commission Chair, tentative agenda to the meeting, last proposal from the Chair (PA4-20A/i2021 and comments received from CPCs (in original language only).



5 October 2021

SUBJECT: 2nd INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 4

Dear Colleagues,

Following the Panel 4 intersessional meeting held online 6-8 July 2021 (report available [here](#)) and ICCAT circular #5824 from 03/08/2021, I have received comments to my last draft proposal on the management of North Atlantic shortfin mako shark (document PA4-20A/i2021, attached to this letter) from Canada, Norway, United Kingdom and the United States.

Although my original plan was to discuss individually with these Contracting Parties their comments and edits, aiming to provide you with a revised version of my proposal by 10 September 2021, after a thorough analysis of the comments and edits, I come to the conclusion that the relative positions related to the main aspects in the original draft proposals discussed during the July meeting have not changed. Therefore, I do not feel that conditions allow me to build on any common ground and provide you a way forward to this process prior to a next round of discussions within the corresponding process.

Accordingly, I felt that although some minor progress could be made, the main constraints precluding substantial progress remain, as you can see in a document prepared by the Secretariat that includes all the comments and editorial suggestions made by the above-mentioned Contracting Parties, that is attached to this letter.

Given the importance of reaching agreement on North Atlantic shortfin mako this year, and since I do believe that we still have time to achieve some progress prior to our annual meeting in November, relevant CPs are now encouraged to engage in bilateral and multilateral consultations. Moreover, in order to benefit from the work already developed and the progress already made, my strong preference is for those interested in achieving progress to use my last proposal (document PA4-20A/i2021) and the compiled comments document, as the basis for further development of a new draft proposal to be presented at a 2nd Intersessional meeting of the Panel 4.

Therefore, I have requested the Secretariat to take the necessary steps to schedule an additional one-day online meeting on **27 October 2021**, for which I am attaching a tentative agenda.

Accordingly, I kindly suggest that the new proposal to be sent to the Secretariat by **21 October 2021 (18:00, Madrid time) at the latest**, to give enough time to be translated and circulated, in order for CPCs to be ready to provide their comments and having fruitful discussions during the meeting. However, CPs are free to present their own new or revised proposals, noting that in that case the time available for presenting and discussing these will be very limited. In the event no new proposal is received by the deadline, the meeting will be cancelled.

I look forward to working with you all and to coming to a constructive conclusion in October.

Yours sincerely,

Commission Chairman

Raul Delgado



TENTATIVE AGENDA

2ND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 4 *(27 October 2021)*

1. Opening of the Meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements
4. Brief review of the Chairs last draft proposal and comments received from CPCs
5. Consideration of new draft proposal(s) to achieve conservation of North Atlantic shortfin mako
6. Way forward for intersessional work before the 27th Regular meeting of the Commission
7. Adoption of report and adjournment