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CONSERVACION DEL ATUN ATLANTICO

Madrid, 8 July 2024

ICCAT CIRCULAR # 06992/ 2024

SUBJECT: RESCHEDULE OF THE PANEL 4 INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ON NORTHERN ATLANTIC SWORDFISH MSE (Online, 8 October 2024)

Subsequent to ICCAT Circulars #6180/2024 and 6406/2024 of 17/06/2024 and 24/06/2024, in coordination with the Chairs of Panel 4 and the SCRS, I am pleased to inform you that the Panel 4 Intersessional Meeting on Northern Atlantic Swordfish MSE has been rescheduled for **8 October 2024**. If any CPC has any objections to this date, please inform the ICCAT Secretariat by **10 July 2024**.

The proposed date will allow an Ambassador's webinar on Northern Atlantic Swordfish MSE to be held on **4 October 2024**, the ICCAT Secretariat to circulate the SCRS Plenary meeting report possibly on 1 October 2024 and translate and publish any documentation produced by the SCRS relevant to the Panel 4 Intersessional Meeting on Northern Atlantic Swordfish MSE by 3 October 2024.

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Meeting tentative agenda.



Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish MSE
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Recommendation by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 22-03 extending and amending Recommendation 17-02 for the conservation of North Atlantic swordfish (Rec. 23-04) calls for the SCRS to advance work in support of the Commission's plan for adoption of a management procedure for North Atlantic swordfish in 2024. In this meeting, the SCRS will present Panel 4 with updates on the progress of its work. The objectives of this meeting are i) for the SCRS to provide updates on development of the North Atlantic swordfish combined index; ii) for the SCRS to present early results from updates to the candidate management procedures (CMPs) and associated robustness tests; and iii) for Panel 4 and the SCRS to discuss development of an Exceptional Circumstances Protocol.

Tentative Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Appointment of the Rapporteur
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Review of the North Atlantic swordfish MSE framework and workplan defined in [Rec. 23-04](#)
5. Summary of work completed on the North Atlantic swordfish combined index
6. CMPs and their preliminary results, including robustness testing
7. Development of an Exceptional Circumstances Protocol
8. Other matters
9. Adoption of the report and closure