

26TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT)
(18-25 November 2019)

TENTATIVE COMMISSION ANNOTATED AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Commission Chair, Mr. Raul Delgado

2. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements

*The Agenda is available as **PLE-100/2019**. The tentative schedule for the meeting has been published as **GEN-002/2019**, but delegates should note that, as usual, this is subject to change at short notice. Documents are distributed as described in **GEN-003/2019**; access to the document website is outlined in **GEN-005/2019**.*

3. Introduction of Contracting Party Delegations

*Mr. Camille Jean Pierre Manel, Executive Secretary, will introduce the Contracting Parties present. The list of participants will be made available as **GEN-006/2019**.*

4. Introduction of Observers

*Mr. Camille Jean Pierre Manel, Executive Secretary, will introduce the Observers present. The list of participants will be made available as **GEN-006/2019**.*

5. Review of the report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Gary Melvin, SCRS Chair, will present the findings of the SCRS in 2019 including the request for recommendations on how to improve the effectiveness of scientific observer programs, and an update on the progress of the work on Ecosystem Based Fisheries Management. Information relating to individual species / fisheries will be presented in the Panels.

*The USA have tabled a Road Map for the Development of Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) and Harvest Control Rules (HCR) in document **PLE-115/2019**, which the Commission may wish to discuss in conjunction with this report.*

6. Review of the reports of the 2019 Intersessional Meetings, and consideration of any necessary actions

- **PLE-103/2019**: Intersessional meetings of Panel 2 – to be referred to Panel 2
- **PWG-407/2019**: 13th Meeting of the IMM Working Group – to be referred to PWG
- **PLE-101/2019**: Meeting of the Technical and Legal Editing Group of Contracting Parties – see item 7 below

7. Consideration and adoption of the Amended Convention Text

*The Draft Protocol and amended texts were circulated by the Secretariat through ICCAT Circular 6448/19 and are presented in document **PLE-108/2019**, for consideration and possible adoption by the Commission. In the aforementioned Circular, the Chair of the Commission asked all CPCs to ensure that their delegate had the necessary credentials to adopt the Protocol on behalf of his/her CPC. It should be noted that the Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Species Considered to be Tuna and Tuna-Like Species or Oceanic, Pelagic, and Highly Migratory Elasmobranchs, document **PLE-110/2019** and Draft Resolution by ICCAT Regarding Participation by Fishing Entities under the Amended ICCAT Convention, document **PLE-111/2019** must be adopted as part of the Amendment Package together with **PLE-108/2019** the Draft Protocol.*

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8. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

*Extracts have been made for the various subsidiary bodies for consideration. Plenary should consider the findings of each body, as well as the recommendations referred to plenary, to determine if further action is needed. Those relating to Plenary (and SCRS) are contained in **PLE-107/2019**. In addition, the STACFAD Chair has updated his discussion document which is presented in **STF-212/2019**.*

9. Assistance to developing coastal States and capacity building

*Information on the MPF is presented in **STF-208/2019**. **STF-211/2019** contains a Discussion Document on ICCAT Capacity Building Strategy, put forward by the Chair of STACFAD.*

10. Cooperation with other organisations

*An update on interaction with the ABNJ Common Oceans Tuna Project and possible future activities is contained in **PLE-108/2019**. Information on cooperation with other organisations, including requests for the signing of MoUs with several organisations, is contained in document **PLE-109/2019**.*

11. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Chair of STACFAD will report on the work undertaken and the recommendations of STACFAD, including decisions relating to the budget and contributions for 2020/21 (**STF-203/2019**).*

The STACFAD Chair will also report the Commission findings on the use of the Working Capital Fund and recommendations for the future financing of, inter alia, the eBCD, Online Reporting, Port Inspection (MCS) Assistance and AOTTP projects, and on the progress made by the Virtual Working Group for Sustainable Financing.

12. Reports of Panels 1 to 4 and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

If available during the meeting, the Panel Reports will be distributed, but in most cases these will be adopted by correspondence. The Commission should consider the Recommendations forwarded by the Panels for adoption.

13. Report of the Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee (COC) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

*The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Committee, as well as the Compliance tables (**COC-304/2019**) and actions which may be required on the basis of the COC discussions, which will be available in **COC-308/2019**. The COC may be guided in its actions by Res. 16-17.*

14. Report of the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein.

*The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Group, including the approval of the IUU list (**PWG-405/2019**).*

15. Inter-sessional meetings in 2020

The Commission may wish to set the dates and venues for intersessional meetings in 2020.

16. Election of Chair and Vice Chairs

The Commission should choose a Chair and First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chairs. Chairs of the subsidiary bodies will be elected in each such body.

17. Other matters

17.1 Streamlining of conservation and management measures

*The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, has drafted document **PLE-113/2019**.*

17.2 Other matters may be raised by Contracting Parties present at the meeting, or by the Chair, if required.

*At the time of writing, one Statement to PWG has been received from Oceana, **PWG-418/2019**.*

18. Date and place of the next meeting of the Commission

19. Adoption of the report and adjournment

**TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES
COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (COC)**

1. Opening of the meeting

*The meeting will be opened by the Compliance Committee Chair, Mr. Derek Campbell (USA). The letter from the Chair outlining the priorities for the meeting is published as **COC-316/2019**.*

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda is available as **COC-300/2019**.*

4. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

*The issues referred to the Compliance Committee for consideration are contained in **COC-313/2019***

5. Review of CPC implementation of and compliance with ICCAT requirements, focusing on priority issues and/or cases

a) Secretariat's report

*This will be available as **COC-303/2019**.*

b) Billfish Checksheet (Rec. 18-05)

*These will be available as **COC-315/2019**.*

c) Response to Chair's letters arising from the 2018 meeting

*Information will be contained in **COC-309/19**.*

d) Compliance Tables

*Draft compliance tables will be circulated as **COC-304/2019**.*

e) Other ICCAT reporting requirements

*Other information will be included in **COC-303/2019**, the Annual Reports (**COC-301/2019**) and **COC-308/2019**. PNCs reported by regional observers, together with the responses received from CPCs, are contained in **COC-305/2019**. Updated shark check sheets received to date are available as **COC-314/2019**. Information relating to implementation of scientific observer programmes is summarised in document **COC-317/2019**.*

f) Any other relevant information and issues, including submissions under Rec. 08-09

*Information submitted under Rec. 08-09 will be made available as **COC-312/2019**.*

6. Review of information relating to Non-CPCs

a) Response to Chair's letters arising from 2018 meeting
*Information will be available in **COC-310/2019**.*

b) Catch and trade data
*Data submitted in accordance with Rec. 06-13 will be published electronically as **Annex 1 to COC-303/2019**. Additional information may be included in **PWG-401/2019**.*

c) Any other information
The performance review Panel had recommended that the Commission consider formalising the procedure for inviting non-CPCs and it was agreed that this would be included on the COC agenda for 2019.

7. Determination of recommended actions to address issues of non-compliance by CPCs and issues relating to NCPs arising from items 5 and 6

a) Endorsement of Compliance Annex

*The tables contained in **COC-304/2019** should be finalised and adopted by the Commission*

b) Identifications or other actions under the trade measures recommendation (Rec. 16-13)

*The Committee should consider any necessary actions on the basis of **COC-308/2019** and other relevant information*

c) Action under data recommendations (Recs. 05-09 and 11-15)

The Committee should determine fishing prohibitions in accordance with Rec. 11-15 and any other necessary actions to be taken regarding missing statistical data.

d) Any other actions

8. Consideration of requests for cooperating status

*Requests for cooperating status have been received from Colombia and Georgia. Costa Rica has explicitly requested renewal of its cooperating status. The requests are contained in **COC-307/2019**.*

At the 2018 Commission meeting, following discussion of the performance review recommendations, the Commission indicated that COC should consider formalising the procedure for inviting non-CPCs. Currently the Secretariat sends out invitations to those NCPs which are coastal States in the Convention area but not members of ICCAT and those which have trade related or other interactions with ICCAT (e.g. those from whom bigeye and swordfish is imported). Forty-two NCPs received invitations in 2019.

9. Review of progress made by the online reporting working group and next steps

*The report of the online reporting group will be available as **COC-318/2019**. A draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Continue the Development of an Integrated Online Reporting System, presented by the Working Group, is available as **COC-302/2019**. COC should concentrate on the policy aspects of the proposal; the financial implications will be discussed in STACFAD.*

10. Other recommendations to the Commission to improve compliance, including identification of issues and/or cases for priority review at future COC meetings

*Difficulties encountered by CPCs in implementing the ICCAT conservation and management measures have been summarised in document **COC-311/2019**.*

11. Election of Chair

The Committee should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

12. Other matters

CPCs may raise any other matters

13. Adoption of report and adjournment

The report will probably be adopted by correspondence.

**TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA
OF THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP FOR THE
IMPROVEMENT OF ICCAT STATISTICS AND CONSERVATION MEASURES (PWG)**

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Mr. Neil Ansell, Chair of the PWG.

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda has been circulated as **PWG-400/2019**.*

4. Review of the report of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) and consideration of any necessary actions

*The report is available as document **PWG-407/2019***

5. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

*The IMM considered many of the recommendations set forth by the performance review Panel in 2018. These, together with any updates, are included on the sheet pertaining to PWG in document **PWG-411/2019**. Recommendations for which actions are considered complete have been removed from the list.*

6. Consideration of the effectiveness and practical aspects of implementation of:

6.1 Catch Documentation and Statistical Document Programs

*Information is contained in the Secretariat Report to the PWG (**PWG-401/2019**), Section 1 and document **PWG-403/2019**. Some issues arising from the TWG may need to be further discussed by the Commission. A Background to the Explanatory Note on the eBCD System Budget for Financial Years 2020 and 2021 is presented in **PWG-416/2019***

*The "Report on the Implementation of the Derogation to Validate BCDs for Trades of BFT between Member States of the EU in 2018" is contained in document **PWG-410/2019**.*

*Japan had submitted a Discussion paper on possible amendments to BET and SWO Statistical Document Programmes (SDP), including development of Catch Document Scheme (CDS) which is contained in **PWG-413/2019**.*

6.2 Observer Programmes

*Information on the implementation of the ROP-BFT observer programmes is contained in **PA2-601/2019** and on the ROP-Transshipment observer programme for at-sea transshipment is contained in **PWG-402/2019**. PWG may wish to consider any improvements needed to reporting form CP37, or provide clarifications on transshipment data reporting, to ensure consistencies among CPC/ROP data.*

*The IMM Working Group has tabled a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Protecting the Health and Safety of Observers in ICCAT's Regional Observer Programs as document **PWG-409/2019** and Norway has also presented a Draft Resolution by ICCAT on Harmonisation and Improved Observer Safety in **PWG-412/2019**.*

Rec. 16-14 stipulates that "The Commission shall review this Recommendation no later than its 2019 annual meeting and consider revising it, in particular, in the light of information provided by CPCs and of SCRS recommendations." PWG may wish to consider the SCRS response to the Commission (item 19.4 of the SCRS report). This issue will also be under review by COC.

6.3 At-sea and in-port transshipment requirements

*The ICCAT transshipment programme was updated in 2016 (Rec. 16-15) to include carrier vessels transshipping in port on the ICCAT Record of Carrier Vessels. The Record can be consulted at www.iccat.int/en/vesselsrecord.asp. More information on transshipment requirements is contained in **PWG-402/2019** and **COC-305/2019**. A Draft Recommendation on Transshipment has been proposed by the USA in **PWG-420/2019**.*

6.4 Rules for chartering and other fishing arrangements

*A summary of chartering arrangements and reports from CPCs have been presented to the Compliance Committee in **COC-303/2019**. A table summarising information on Access Agreements is also included in **COC-303/2019**.*

6.5 At-sea vessel sighting and inspection programs

*Inspection reports submitted under the ICCAT Scheme of Joint Inspection are available as Annex 3 to **COC-303/2019**. A summary of reports is also contained in **COC-303/2019**.*

*The IMM Working Group has tabled a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Vessel Sightings as **PWG-408/2019**. This aims at combining two outdated measures currently in force in ICCAT.*

*EU has tabled a Draft Resolution Amending the Resolution [18-11] by ICCAT Establishing a Pilot Program for The Voluntary Exchange of Inspection Personnel in Fisheries (**PWG-415/2019**).*

6.6 Port inspection schemes and other port State measures

*No meeting of the Expert Group was held in 2019. The Tender for the development of an ICCAT Training Module was awarded to MRAG and is currently under development. For progress on needs assessments please see document **PWG-406/2019**.*

*Norway has presented a discussion paper entitled Proposal by Norway on Providing Information on the Implementation of the FAO Port State Measures Agreement which is contained in **PWG-414/2019**.*

6.7 Vessel listing requirements

*Updates pertaining to progress on IMO numbers are included in document **PWG-401/2019**.*

6.8 Vessel Monitoring Satellite System requirements

*Information from the Secretariat is contained in **COC-303/2019**.*

6.9 Flag State responsibilities

*Norway has tabled a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Reporting Requirements Relating to Lost, Abandoned or Otherwise Discarded Fishing Gear, contained in **PWG-417/2019**.*

6.10 Other issues

7. Consideration of additional technical measures needed to ensure effective implementation of ICCAT's conservation and management measures

8. Review and establishment of the IUU vessel list

*The provisional IUU list is contained in **PWG-405/2019**. There have been no changes to the lists of WCPFC or IATTC since the adoption of the 2018 list. The IOTC list contains one new vessel, and some changes to names / flags. CCSBT has informed ICCAT that there are currently no vessels on its IUU list. The Secretariat has requested information from CCAMLR, GFCM, NEAFC, NAFO, and SEAFO. A request for deletion of one vessel has been received from Bolivia and is contained in **PWG-419/2019**.*

9. Recommendations to the Commission based on findings of above

10. Election of Chair

The PWG should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

11. Other matters

*Issues regarding the streamlining of ICCAT Conservation and Management measures relating to PWG can be found in document **PWG-404/2019**.*

12. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will probably be adopted by correspondence

**TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA
OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (STACFAD)**

1. Opening of the meeting

The Meeting will be opened by Dr Elekon (Turkey), Chair of STACFAD.

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

3. Adoption of the Agenda

*The Agenda has been circulated as **STF-200/2019**.*

4. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

*The recommendations from the Performance Review Panel is contained in **STF-206/2019**.*

5. Reports from the Secretariat

5.1 2019 Administrative Report

*The Administrative Report is available as **STF-201/2019**.*

5.2 2019 Financial Report

*The Financial Report is available as **STF-202/2019**.*

5.3 Review of progress of the payment of arrears and voting rights

*Information will be circulated during the meeting taking into account the most updated information available through document **STF-204/2019** (Information on past-due amounts and arrears payment plans).*

6. Assistance to developing CPCs and identification of mechanism to finance the Meeting Participation Fund and other capacity building activities

*Information on expenditure of the Meeting Participation Fund is contained in document **STF-208/2019** and on the Scientific Capacity Building fund in **STF-209/2019**.*

7. Consideration of financial implications of ICCAT conservation and management measures proposed
Following a decision by the Commission in 2019, each proposal should be accompanied by an estimate of the additional resources required, particularly by the ICCAT Secretariat, for the implementation of any new reporting requirements or other tasks it contains. The template for this is currently under development.

8. Consideration of financial implications of SCRS requests

9. Consideration of other programs/activities which may require additional or extra-budgetary funding

*The future of the research programmes currently hosted at the Secretariat and financed by extra-budgetary funding needs to be considered. The current situation of the Working Capital Fund will be presented in **STF-210/2019**.*

10. Review of progress of the Virtual Working Group on Sustainable Financing

*The report of this group is available as **STF-207/2019** and a discussion document by the STACFAD Chair as **STF-212/2019**.*

11. Adoption of Budget and Contracting Party contributions for the period 2020/2021

*The Draft Regular Budget was circulated in advance and is available in document **STF-203/2019**. The budget for eBCD was also circulated 60 days in advance, and has been distributed as **STF-209/2019**.*

12. Election of Chair

The Standing Committee should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

13. Other matters

*In accordance with the procedures adopted by STACFAD, the Secretariat and the Chairs of the subsidiary bodies concerned have developed **STF-205/2019**. The issues relating to each individual body (PA2, PA4 and PWG are contained in **PA2-602/2019**, **PA4-803/2019** and **PWG-404/2019**, respectively).*

14. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will probably be adopted by correspondence

TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF PANEL 1

[N.B. Note, the Agenda of Panel 1 will be the same for both the intersessional meeting of Panel 1 and the sessions during the Regular meeting of the Commission, and the report will be combined.]

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 1 is available as **PA1-500/2019**.*

4. Review of Panel membership

*Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2019**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.*

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

*Dr Melvin will report on the status of the tropical tuna stocks, as well as responding to the specific requests of the Commission in relation to Evaluation of the efficacy of the area/time closure referred to in paragraph 13 for the reduction of catches of tropical tuna juveniles [item 19-10 of **PLE-104/2019**]; the Provision of performance indicators for skipjack, bigeye and yellowfin tuna [item 19-11 of **PLE-104/2019**]; the evaluation of the contribution of by-catches and discards to the overall catches in ICCAT tropical tuna fisheries [item 19-12 of **PLE-104/2019**]; and the advice on adapting the fishing capacity in all its to achieve the management objectives for tropical tuna species [item 19-13 of **PLE-104/2019**].*

6. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

*An extract of the recommendations pertinent to Panel 1 is contained in **PA1-504/2019**.*

7. Review of compliance tables

*The bigeye tuna table contained in **COC-304/2019** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.*

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8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT *Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities*

A Draft Recommendation by ICCAT for Better Management of Deployment of Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) in the ICCAT Convention Area has been presented by Senegal in document PA1-503/2019.

The Panel 1 Chair, in coordination with Panel 1 members, has drafted the Second Draft Proposal for a Recommendation by ICCAT to Replace Recommendation 16-01 by ICCAT on a Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas contained in document PA1-506/2019. A group of Central American CPCs have also submitted a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Replace Recommendation 16-01 on a Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas as PA1-505/2019 and a Group of African countries a Projet De Recommendation del'ICCAT Visant à Remplacer la Recommendation 16-01 sur un Programme Pluriannuel de Conservation et de Gestion pour les Thonidés Tropicaux in PA1-509/2019.

The EU has also put forward a Draft Proposal for a Recommendation by ICCAT to Replace Recommendation 16-01 by ICCAT on a Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas in PA1-507/2019.

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

The Secretariat has not prepared any document on this as all Panel 1 measures are currently in force. Conscious of the fact that a new management plan is being developed, it is hoped that his will take into account all relevant elements in order to reduce the number of active Recommendations and consolidate conservation and management measures.

10. Research

11. Election of Chair

The Panel should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

12. Other matters

Rec. 16-01, para 51, stipulated that "Each CPC shall submit to the Executive Secretary its 2018 development or fishing/management plan by 15 September 2017, in accordance with a template to be provided by the ICCAT Secretariat". There is no indication that this is an annual requirement, but three CPCs submitted voluntary updates. These are contained, in original language only, in document PA1-501/2019.

Ghana submitted to the Secretariat a request for a change in the composition of its tropical tuna fleet; Ghana was informed that the request could not be accommodated as the procedures had not been followed. The response from Ghana is contained in PA1-502/2019.

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will probably be adopted by correspondence.

TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF PANEL 2

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for Panel 2 is available as PA2-600/2019.

4. Review of Panel membership

Panel membership can be found in document in GEN-004/2019. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Melvin will report on the status of the northern temperate tuna stocks, as well as responding to the specific requests of the Commission in relation to the continued work on MSE for bluefin tuna (East and West).

6. Review of the report of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2, and consideration of any necessary actions

*Please see document **PLE-103/2019**.*

7. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

*Progress made is reflected in document **PA2-604/2019**. Recommendations for which actions are considered complete have been removed from the list.*

8. Review of compliance tables

*The bluefin tuna and northern albacore tables contained in **COC-304/2019** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.*

9. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

*The Chair of Panel 2 has put forward a draft Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation 18-02 Establishing a Multi-Annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, which has been made available as **PA2-603/2019**. In addition, Norway has submitted an amendment to Rec. 18-02 through a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend Recommendation 18-02 On Establishing A Multi-Annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in The Eastern, **PA2-605/2019**. The EU has proposed a Draft Resolution Establishing an ICCAT Working Group on Bluefin Tuna (BFT) Control and Traceability Measures, contained in **PA2-606/2019**.*

*Japan has also put forward a discussion paper on Growth Rate Observed in Bluefin Tuna Farmed in Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, which has been circulated as **PA2-607/2019**.*

10. Identification of outdated measures in light of 9 above

11. Research

Information on the GBYP. Any relevant information related to research will be presented by the SCRS Chair.

12. Election of Chair

The Panel should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

13. Other matters

*Issues regarding the streamlining of ICCAT Conservation and Management measures relating to Panel 2 can be found in document **PA2-602/2019**.*

14. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will probably be adopted by correspondence.

TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF PANEL 3

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for Panel 3 is available as PA3-700/2019.

4. Review of Panel membership

Panel membership can be found in document in GEN-004-2019. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Melvin will report on the status of the southern temperate tuna stocks, as well as responding to the specific requests of the Commission in relation thereto.

6. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

There are no specific recommendations to Panel 3, and no additional actions have been taken since the first review by the Panel. For this reason, no new document has been prepared as the information is the same as that published in 2018 on <https://www.iccat.int/com2018/>.

7. Review of compliance tables

The southern albacore table contained in COC-304/2019 should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities
9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above
10. Research

Any relevant information related to research will be presented by the SCRS Chair.

11. Election of Chair

The Panel should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

12. Other matters
13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will probably be adopted by correspondence

TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF PANEL 4

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Appointment of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of Agenda

*The agenda for Panel 4 is available as **PA4-800/2019**.*

4. Review of Panel membership

*Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2019**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.*

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Melvin will report on the status of swordfish, billfish, sharks and other tuna and tuna-like species not included in other Panels, as well as responding to the specific requests of the Commission in relation thereto.

6. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

*Progress made is reflected in document **PA4-804/2019**. Recommendations for which actions are considered complete have been removed from the list.*

7. Review of compliance tables

*The swordfish and billfish tables contained in **COC-304/2019** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.*

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities

The following draft measures have been presented for consideration by Panel 4:

*Draft Resolution by ICCAT on Development of Initial Management Objectives for North Atlantic Swordfish **PA4-815/2019**.*

*Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Conservation of the North Atlantic Stock of Shortfin Mako Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries (**PA4-805/2019**), presented by Senegal.*

*The EU has submitted a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on the Conservation of North Atlantic Stock of Shortfin Mako Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries in **PA4-811/2019**. The USA has also tabled a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Rebuilding Program for North Atlantic Shortfin Mako Sharks Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries through document **PA4-814/2019**.*

*Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Conservation of Sharks Caught in Association With Fisheries Managed By ICCAT (**PA4-806/2019**), presented by Albania, Belize, Brazil, Cabo Verde, Canada, Curaçao, European Union, France (on behalf of St Pierre and Miquelon), Gabon, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Norway, Panama, Sao Tomé and Príncipe, Senegal, Sierra Leone, UK-OT, the United States, and South Africa.*

*The EU has tabled a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation 16-12 on Management Measures for the Conservation of the North Atlantic Blue Shark Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries in document **PA4-807/2019**, as well as a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on Management Measures for the Conservation of the South Atlantic Blue Shark Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries, contained in **PA4-808/2019**.*

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*The EU have presented a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish a Rebuilding Program for Blue Marlin and White Marlin/Round Scale Spearfish Stocks in document **PA4-810/2019**. The United States have also tabled a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Establish Rebuilding Programs for Blue Marlin and White Marlin/Roundscale Spearfish in **PA4-813/2019**.*

*A Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on the Bycatch of Sea Turtles Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries (Combine, Streamline, And Amend Recommendations 10-09 And 13-11) has been proposed by the United States in document **PA4-812/2019**.*

*The draft merged Recommendation of the two current seabird Recommendations is attached to **PA4-803/2019**.*

*Updated management / development plans for north Atlantic swordfish are presented in document **PA4-801/2019**. Management plans for Mediterranean swordfish are presented in **PA4-802/2019**.*

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

*Proposals for streamlining ICCAT Conservation and Management measures are contained in **PA4-803/2019**.*

10. Research

Any relevant information related to research will be presented by the SCRS Chair.

11. Election of Chair

The Panel should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

12. Other matters

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will probably be adopted by correspondence.