

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE PRIORITIES: SUGGESTIONS FROM CPCs

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1. Objectives

- (1) To prioritise conservation measures for more in-depth review in certain years in order to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of the Compliance Committee (COC), recognizing the limited time available for COC sessions.
- (2) To identify any general issues of compliance and propose solutions for improving compliance with the respective measures.

2. Nature of strategic plan

- (1) The COC strategic plan is intended to serve as guidance for establishing a mid- and long-term schedule of priorities for COC review.
- (2) The strategic plan does not create additional reporting requirements.
- (3) Notwithstanding this strategic plan, each year the COC will review any issues it deems necessary, including standing priority issues such as accuracy of catch reporting and compliance with monitoring measures.

3. Criteria and process for prioritisation

- (1) At the Annual Meeting, the COC will determine the priority issues for review the following year.
- (2) In determining priorities for a given year, the COC will take into consideration, *inter alia*, CPC input, the schedule of expiration of ICCAT Recommendations and, where possible, the schedule of SCRS assessments, as appropriate.
- (3) The COC may prioritize other issues for review at any time, as appropriate, based, *inter alia*, on CPC input.
- (4) COC may ask the Secretariat to provide summary information on some of the prioritized issues, as necessary, to facilitate compliance review and discussion.

4. Outstanding issues for future consideration

- (1) How to reduce the burden on the Secretariat.
- (2) How to align COC priorities with the annual SCRS assessment schedule and the SCRS strategic plan.
- (3) How to streamline reporting requirements.

Draft schedule of compliance review priorities

2021 (2-day special session in advance of COM meeting) [SA-Delayed, due to the pandemic]

- In depth CPC by CPC review
- In depth review of billfish check sheets
- Expiring Recommendations, and/or stocks assessed in 2021 [SEC for coherence] [TBA by Secretariat]

2022

- Expiring Recommendations, and/or stocks assessed in 2022, as appropriate [SEC for coherence] [TBA by Secretariat]
- Review of implementation of Rec. 16-14 on Scientific Observer Coverage [USA- Rec. 16-14 (on minimum standards for scientific observer coverage) was scheduled for review by the Commission in 2019, but that review was delayed due to other pressing business in 2019 and then the pandemic. A focused look at CPCs' implementation may help to inform future review of this measure]

2023 (2-day special session in advance of COM meeting)

- In depth CPC by CPC review
- In depth review of Shark Check Sheet, in particular the implementation of any Recommendations in force for North Atlantic shortfin mako. [Change suggested by USA]
- Expiring Recommendations, and/or stocks to be assessed in 2023, as appropriate [SEC for coherence], [TBA by Secretariat]