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WORDS OF GUIDANCE FROM THE CHAIR OF PANEL 1

Dear delegates,

Since 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic has obliged us to hold online meetings, which are not very efficient for advancing the different matters of our Panel. I recall that we have held two online intersessional meetings in 2021, during which we have discussed the fishing, fishing capacity and FAD management plans.

During this annual meeting, Panel 1 has received four draft recommendations for management of tropical tunas, which are very important resources for all CPCs and in particular for some fisher communities of coastal States. Review of the different proposals has revealed significant differences (**PA1_515_APP_1/2021**). Therefore, I invite the various authors to show more flexibility and all CPCs to engage in open and courteous discussions to enable us to reach a consensus.