

Chairing Arrangements for CCSBT Subsidiary Bodies
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Introduction

The Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT) has a number of Subsidiary Bodies, see Annex 1. By nature of the roles, the Chairing arrangements for each body vary. At CCSBT 26, the Extended Commission agreed to the following arrangements for Chairing of CCSBT subsidiary bodies.

The agreed Chairing arrangements for CCSBT subsidiary bodies and technical working groups are provided below together with the general process for selection and appointments of Chairs.

It is expected that the chair of subsidiary bodies will act with independence at all times, regardless of employment or nationality. The following tables present the agreed Chairing arrangements for CCSBT subsidiary bodies.

Subsidiary bodies

Scientific Committee and Extended Scientific Committee

Responsibility for appointment	Extended Commission appoints the Chair
Appointment term	Three years
Reappointments	Twice
Independence	The chair shall not be an officer or official of a CCSBT Member government at the time of appointment nor throughout the term of the contract, except where Members reach a consensus to choose an individual, but can be a national of a Member country.

Compliance Committee

Responsibility for appointment	Extended Commission appoints the Chair
Appointment term	Three years
Reappointments	Twice
Independence	The chair shall not be an officer or official of a CCSBT Member government at the time of appointment nor throughout the term of the contract, except where Members reach a consensus to choose an individual, but can be a national of a Member country.

Ecologically Related Species Working Group

Responsibility for appointment	Extended Commission appoints the Chair
Appointment term	At least two ERSWG meetings (note meetings are usually held every 18-24 months)
Reappointments	Twice
Independence	The chair shall not be an officer or official of a CCSBT Member government at the time of appointment nor throughout the term of the

	contract, except where Members reach a consensus to choose an individual, but can be a national of a Member country.
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Compliance Committee Working Group and Technical Compliance Working Group

Responsibility for appointment	The Chair of the Compliance Committee chairs the Compliance Committee Working Group and the Technical Compliance Working Group where available, as per Compliance Committee Chair's contract.
Appointment term	As per Compliance Committee Chair
Reappointments	As per Compliance Committee Chair
Independence	As per Compliance Committee Chair

Finance and Administration Committee

Responsibility for appointment	Extended Commission elects the Chair prior to the Finance and Administration Committee meeting.
Appointment term	Year by year
Reappointments	Yes – no limit, noting the Extended Commission agrees the Chair for each meeting.
Independence	Can be a Member country delegate.

Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group

Responsibility for appointment	Host country appoints the Chair unless the Extended Commission agrees otherwise.
Appointment term	Meeting by meeting
Reappointments	Yes – no limit, noting the Extended Commission may agree otherwise.
Independence	Can be a Member country delegate.

Technical Working Groups

The Catch Per Unit Effort Working Group and Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Working Group, chaired by Independent Scientific Panel members, are highly technical working groups of the Extended Scientific Committee. They are not established under the CCSBT convention nor created by the Extended Commission. The Independent Scientific Panel's engagement in leading these working groups has been critical to the Extended Scientific Committee's processes.

Catch per Unit Effort Working Group

Chair	Chaired by an Independent Scientific Panel member
Appointment term	Not defined
Reappointments	Not defined
Independence	Chaired by a member of the Independent Scientific Panel

Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Meeting

Chair	Chaired by an Independent Scientific Panel member
Appointment term	Not defined
Reappointments	Not defined
Independence	Chaired by a member of the Independent scientific panel

Process for Selection and Appointment of Chairs

The general process for selection and appointment of Chairs of Subsidiary bodies is:

1. Secretariat confirms process and timing of process by Circular (or at meeting as required)
2. Secretariat calls for nominations by Circular (and advertises as appropriate)
3. Secretariat distributes nominees' applications to members to rank
4. Secretariat tallies votes
5. Successful candidate is notified
6. Members notified of successful candidate

CCSBT Subsidiary Body Structure

