

Note: This document is Attachment 15 from the report of CCSBT 15.

Terms of Reference
Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group

In response to the recommendations of the performance review of the Extended Commission completed in 2008, the Extended Commission has agreed the following Terms of Reference for a Strategy and Fisheries Management Working Group (SFMWG).

Composition

1. The SFMWG shall consist of the Commissioners from members of the Extended Commission, the Secretariat, and as appropriate, other experts in fisheries management and fisheries science. Numbers of participants will be kept to a minimum.
2. The first meeting will be chaired by Japan.

Functions

3. The broad purpose of the SFMWG shall be:
 - i. To develop a draft Strategic Plan (SP) which sets out a common view of the strategic direction of the Extended Commission in managing the SBT fishery.
 - ii. To develop a draft Fisheries Management Plan (FMP) for Southern Bluefin Tuna (SBT) comprising management objectives for the SBT stock and ecologically related species consistent with modern standards of international fisheries management
 - iii. In relation to ii, develop:
 - a rebuild strategy for SBT that is consistent with the UN Fish Stocks Agreement and the precautionary approach
 - other technical measures for managing the SBT stock, as appropriate
4. The SFMWG shall take into account any relevant advice from the subsidiary bodies of the Extended Commission.

Workplan

5. The first meeting of the SFMWG will focus on item iii outlined above.
6. The first meeting SFMWG will be held in Tokyo, Japan, from 14-17 April 2009 and any necessary follow up work to the SFMWG meeting will be completed intersessionally before CCSBT16.
7. The recommendations of the SFMWG will be considered by the Extended Commission at CCSBT16.