

Extended Commission of the Thirteenth Annual Meeting of the Commission

Miyazaki, Japan 10-13 October 2006

Draft Agenda

1. Opening of the Meeting
 - 1.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Commission
 - 1.2. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1.3. Opening Statements
 - 1.3.1. Members
 - 1.3.2. Cooperating non-members
 - 1.3.3. Other States and entities

Opening statements will be incorporated in the official record of the meeting. Electronic copies should be provided to the Secretariat.

2. Report from the Secretariat

The Executive Secretary will present a report on the activities of the Secretariat in the preceding year. The new Executive Secretary will be attending the meeting and he will be introduced to Members.

3. Handling Confidential Matters Concerning the CCSBT

Japan has nominated this item. It considers it necessary for the Extended Commission to have a discussion on securing greater confidentiality.

This item is linked to Item 22.

4. Finance and Administration
 - 4.1 Report from the Finance and Administration Committee
 - 4.2 Discussion on Finance Issues

The Finance and Administration Committee is established and convened to consider a revised budget for 2006, the proposed budget for 2007 and an indicative budget for 2007. The committee will recommend budgets for adoption by the Extended Commission.

Australia has asked for sub-item 4.2 to be added to the agenda.

5. Compliance
 - 5.1 Report from the Compliance Committee
 - 5.2 Integrated Monitoring, Control and Surveillance system

The Chair of the Compliance Committee will present the report of the Committee's first meeting on 8-9 October 2006.

Australia has suggested sub-item 5.2. Items 9.2, 10, 11, 12 and 13 are relevant to discussion of this sub-item.

6. Review of SBT Fisheries

The Extended Commission's agreed rules require each member to provide a report on their SBT fishing activities in the previous season and including all sources of SBT mortality.

7. Report from the Extended Scientific Committee

The Chair of the Extended Scientific Committee will present the report of the Committee's meeting in September 2006. The report will include management advice on the status of the SBT stock, which will be used by the Extended Commission when discussing agenda item 9.

8. Report from the Ecologically Related Species Working Group

The report of the the Ecologically Related Species Working Group Meeting held in February 2006 will be considered by the meeting. The report will be presented by Taiwan, which chaired the meeting.

9. Total Allowable Catch and its Allocation
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 - 9.2. Other Measures
 - 9.3. Management procedure

The Convention provides for the setting of a TAC and national allocations for Members and Cooperating non-members. The Extended Commission will have the advice of the Extended Scientific Committee on the status of the stock, and an analysis of the review reports on Japanese market anomalies and Australian tuna farm anomalies, to guide this agenda item.

Members will have the opportunity to discuss other management measures that they consider appropriate for the SBT fishery.

Under sub-item 9.2, Japan will present a proposal for a tagging system that requires fixture of a tag to individual caught SBT.

10. Catch Documentation Scheme

New Zealand has proposed this item. In proposing this item New Zealand has explained “At the twelfth meeting of the Extended Commission the need for a comprehensive catch documentation scheme (CDS) was discussed by members. A technical working group reported on the principles for a CCSBT CDS to the extended Commission and these principles were adopted. There was no consensus to further develop proposals for a CCSBT CDS as some members felt that there needed to be a demonstrated need for a CDS before such a system could be implemented. Given the importance of a robust reporting and monitoring regime to the role of CCSBT it is appropriate for the extended Commission to further consider the early implementation of a comprehensive CDS.”

11. Management of Over-catch and Under-catch in National Allocations

The meeting will examine mechanisms for managing over-catch and under-catch of national allocations. This item was deferred from the Special Meeting in July 2006. The item has been proposed by Taiwan.

12. Quota Trading

At CCSBT12, Korea indicated it would provide a discussion paper on quota trading for consideration at CCSBT13. Korea will lead discussion on this item.

13. International Observer Program

It was agreed at CCSBT12 that the Secretariat would prepare a paper on an international observer program for consideration at CCSBT13. The Executive Secretary will present the Secretariat’s paper for consideration by Members.

14. Indonesian Catch Monitoring

Australia has added this item. Australia is underwriting catch monitoring in Indonesia where the bulk of the SBT catch will be landed in 2006 and is asking the Extended Commission to consider direct funding in 2007. The matter was on the agenda for CCSBT12 where all Members agreed it was extremely important work for the Commission.

15. Cooperating Non-members

The resolution establishing the status of cooperating non-member requires an annual review of the continuation of that status based on performance against the undertakings given to the Extended Commission. A report from the Secretariat will be available to support discussion of this item.

South Africa will be participating as a Cooperating Non-member for the first time at CCSBT13.

16. Relationship with CCAMLR

This item was deferred from the Special Meeting in July 2006. The item will discuss proposals for cooperation with CCAMLR when vessels authorised to fish for SBT by the CCSBT fish in the CCAMLR Convention area.

17. Relationship with Non-members

- 17.1. Indonesia
- 17.2. European Union
- 17.3. Others

This item is for the discussion of issues related to the identified countries. A report from the Secretariat will be available to facilitate discussion.

18. Action Plan

The Secretariat will give a brief status report. The Action Plan has no current active action listed against any country.

19. Research Mortality Allowance

This item provides the opportunity for Members to seek approval for RMA associated with national research activity in 2007.

20. Activities with Other Organisations

The Executive Secretary will present a report on interactions with other bodies in the preceding year and proposals for 2007.

21. Program of Work for 2007

The Secretariat will present a workplan for 2007 incorporating the the proposals of the various advisory bodies and a timetable/venues for meetings. The workplan will be adjusted as necessary to include decisions of the Extended Commission at CCSBT13.

22. Confidentiality of Commission Documents

The Extended Commission must formally agree to restrict availability of documents related to CCSBT13. Unless it is agreed to restrict availability, the standing decision of the Extended Commission is that all documents be placed in the public domain.

23. Other Business

24. Close of Meeting

- 24.1. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair for the Extended Commission of the 14th Annual Meeting of the CCSBT
- 24.2. Adoption of Report
- 24.3. Close of meeting