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## ICCAT CIRCULAR # 6208/ 2023

**SUBJECT: TENTATIVE AGENDA SECOND INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 4 ON NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH MSE (Online, 30 June 2023)**

Further ICCAT Circular #1893/2023, I am pleased to provide you with the tentative agenda for the upcoming Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish MSE scheduled for **30 June 2023**. The meeting format will be online using the ZOOM platform.

The meeting times will be 10:00 to 18:00, and if work cannot be completed an additional 30 minutes may be envisaged. There will be two 15-minute breaks, one at 11:30 and the other at 16:15, plus a break for lunch between 13:15-14:45.

The Tentative Agenda will be posted together with any other documents in the [Nextcloud meeting document folder](#). Please note that our mailing distribution list is limited. Therefore, I should like to ask that you circulate this announcement among potential delegates. This announcement will also be included on our current meetings webpage.

In order to organize the meeting and issue the online participant links, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **22 June 2023**, including information on those **members allowed to speak** during the meeting on behalf of the delegation. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing access to participants to the meeting. All participants must also register for the meeting by **23 June 2023**, using the [online registration form](#) which will soon be available on our [meetings webpage](#).

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

*Executive Secretary*

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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**Attachment:** Tentative agenda (document PA4\_JUN\_01/i2023)

## Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish MSE

In 2023, the Commission is scheduled to adopt a management procedure for North Atlantic swordfish based on a set of Candidate Management Procedures (CMPs) reported by the SCRS from the Northern Swordfish Management Strategy Evaluation process. After review of the MSE framework in March 2023, Panel 4 provided feedback on operating model (OM) structure, performance metric thresholds, and CMP specifications. The objectives of this meeting are i) for the SCRS to update Panel 4 on recent modifications to the OM set; ii) for the SCRS to present results from initial CMP tunings; iii) for Panel 4 to operationalize management objectives and refine key performance metrics, including time frames for tuning objectives; and iv) for Panel 4 to identify minimum threshold TAC changes.

### Tentative Agenda

1. Opening of the meeting and meeting arrangements
2. Appointment of the Rapporteur
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Review of Panel 4 feedback and requests in March 2023
5. Summary of work done since the March 2023 meeting of the Panel
6. Modifications to the OM grid
7. Management objectives and key performance metrics
8. Initial CMPs and their results
9. MSE development timeline for 2023
10. Key decisions to be taken by PA4 for:
  - a. Choice of a key performance metrics, timeframes, and minimum/maximum acceptable thresholds (if applicable) for each of the Status, Safety, Stability, and Yield objectives
    - i. Status: stock being in the green quadrant of the Kobe matrix
    - ii. Safety: stock breaching the limit reference point
    - iii. Stability: change in TAC between management cycles (if desired)
    - iv. Yield: catch levels
  - b. Choice of tuning objective, including time frame
  - c. Definition of minimum threshold for TAC change between management cycles, if desired
  - d. Prioritize robustness OMs for analysis in 2023
11. Other matters
12. Adoption of the report and closure