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CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS



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SUBJECT: FOURTH INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 1 (*online, 23 October 2023*)

Further to the decision taken in the Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 (20-22 June, hybrid/Madrid, Spain), I should like to inform you that the Fourth Intersessional Meeting of Panel 1 has been scheduled to take place online on **23 October 2023**. Meeting times will be 10:00 to 18:00 (Madrid time) with two 15-minute breaks, one at 11:30 and the other at 16:15, plus a break for lunch between 13:15-14:45. If work cannot be completed an additional 30 minutes may be envisaged.

I should like to transmit herewith a letter from the Panel 1 Chair regarding the forthcoming meeting as well as the Tentative Agenda. This Tentative Agenda and any other meeting documents will be published in the [NextCloud meeting document folder](#).

CPCs that have documents for discussion at the meeting, or any additional reports/background information which may be of interest to the Group are requested to submit these before **15 October 2023**. Earlier submission where possible would be appreciated.

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 **15 October 2023**. Any late submission of the official delegation may cause a delay in providing participants access to the meeting. All participants must also register for the meeting by **15 October 2023**, using the online registration form which will soon become available on our [meetings webpage](#).

Please accept the assurances of my highest consideration.

Executive Secretary

Camille Jean Pierre Manel

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Attachment: Letter PA1 Chair and Tentative Agenda.



4 September 2023

Greetings to all Panel 1 members,

Many thanks once again for all the support and enthusiasm in deliberations aimed at reaching agreements on some major issues regarding bigeye tuna, such as the Total Allowable Catch (TAC), allocation key, closure period and number of FADs to be deployed.

We have spent quite some time on these issues, and we need to finalize efforts at allocating equitable shares to all parties on a win-win basis, bearing in mind that all should have a stake of the fishery and to ensure the conservation measures to be implemented will keep the stocks whilst fishing sustainably.

I would therefore wish that for the upcoming online meeting on 23 October 2023 (10am- 6pm GMT), we focus on the TAC and allocation key. It is my wish that major groups with proposals work assiduously and present joint proposals instead of tabling previous proposals once again, making sure the different views are incorporated in the joint proposals; this will give way to a more comprehensive position for all to accept and move forward.

Let us resolve to break through in the interest of the fishery and us all.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Paul Bannerman
Panel 1 Chair



Tentative Agenda

1. Opening of meeting
2. Nomination of Rapporteur
3. Adoption of agenda
4. Presentation and discussion on a consensual proposal for the TAC for bigeye tuna
5. Discussion on a consensual proposal for the methodology for the allocation key for bigeye tuna
6. Additional measures on the fishery
 - a. FAD management
 - b. Fishery closure
7. Other matters
 - a. Consideration of the letter from Costa Rica
8. Adoption and closing