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**SUBJECT: THIRD INTERSESSIONAL MEETING OF PANEL 4 ON NORTH ATLANTIC SWORDFISH MSE
- TENTATIVE AGENDA (Online, 10-11 October 2023)**

Further to ICCAT Circular #9979/2022 of 29 November 2022, I am pleased to provide you with the Tentative Agenda for the forthcoming Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish MSE scheduled for **10-11 October 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 provide the online participant links, you are kindly requested to send to the Secretariat a list of delegates who will participate in the meeting by **2 October 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 **3 October 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 (PA4_OCT_01/i2023).



**Third Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4 on North Atlantic Swordfish
Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)**
(Online, 10-11 October 2023)

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 (MSE) process. In two earlier meetings in 2023, Panel 4 provided the SCRS with feedback on key aspects of the MSE. In this meeting, SCRS will present Panel 4 with results of performance of a final set of CMPs. The objectives of this meeting are i) for the SCRS to show key trade-offs among the final set of CMPs; ii) for the SCRS to present results from robustness tests; iii) for Panel 4 to select a CMP; and iv) for Panel 4 to identify next steps required for developing a management measure.

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 June 2023:
 - a. Management and tuning objectives
 - b. Primary performance metrics
 - c. Priority robustness tests
 - d. Minimum Total Allowable Catch (TAC) change
5. Summary of work completed since the June 2023 meeting of the Panel
6. CMPs and their results, examples of some MPs rejected by the sub-group
7. Robustness tests
8. Key decisions anticipated to be taken by PA4
Selection of recommended Management Procedures (MPs)
 - a. Final operational management objectives
 - b. Final MP specifications
 - i. Management cycle
 - ii. Minimum TAC change
 - c. Final tuning objective
 - d. MP implementation schedule
9. Development of a management measure
10. Other matters
11. Adoption of the report and closure