

**DRAFT PLAN FOR PANEL 2 INTERSESSIONAL MEETING IN EARLY MARCH 2021**

*(Document presented by Panel 2 Chair)*

**1. Modality**

Virtual

**2. Dates**

1 to 4 March 2021

**3. Meeting hour**

1 and 2 March 2021: 9:00 to 11:00 and 11:30 to 13:30 (Madrid time);

3 and 4 March 2021: 13:00 to 15:00 (Madrid time)

Note: 1 and 2 March 2021 will be devoted to endorsement of fishing and farming plans for eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean BFT stock. These meeting hours are suggested for convenience of major fishing and farming CPCs. 3 and 4 March 2021 will be used to discuss other issues.

**4. Interpretation**

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided.

**5. Annotated Agenda**

(1) Opening of the Meeting

Panel 2 Chair will open the floor.

(2) Appointment of Rapporteur

A rapporteur will be elected.

(3) Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements

An agenda will be adopted, and the Secretariat will explain meeting arrangements.

(4) Consideration of fishing, capacity, inspection and farming plans for 2021 presented by CPCs

Each fishing, capacity, inspection and farming plan for 2021 submitted by CPCs will be discussed.

(5) Determination of actions to be taken with respect to the plans under item (4)

Based on the discussion under the previous agenda item, each plan will be endorsed. If a plan is not endorsed, it will be subject to endorsement through correspondence with necessary amendments.

(6) Clarification requested by the ROP consortium regarding Rec. 19-04

Responses to the request for clarification from the consortium (ICCAT Circular #7671/20) will be determined.

(7) Matters related to the SCRS

(a) Growth rates for farmed bluefin tuna

A brief overview will be provided on the work already conducted within the ongoing growth on farms studies. Responses to the request for clarification from the SCRS on the timing from which growth ratios should be calculated will be determined.

(b) Draft protocol for Northern Albacore Exceptional Circumstances

Responses to the revised list of indicators to detect exceptional circumstances for North Atlantic albacore (Table 14 of Report of the 2020 ICCAT Atlantic Albacore Stock Assessment Meeting) will be determined.

(c) Brief overview of BFT MSE work

The participants will be informed of the progress on the BFT MSE work.

(8) Introduction of draft recommendations by the European Union

The European Union will circulate in December 2020 a draft recommendation amending Rec. 19-04 and Rec. 06-07 as well as a paper related to the control and traceability of bluefin tuna processing vessels as a basis for discussion. The meeting will briefly discuss the documents and decide a schedule for intersessional work.

(9) Adoption of report and adjournment

The meeting report will be adopted through correspondence.

## 6. Preparatory work

In order to complete all the items within such short time, the following preparatory work is suggested:

Item (4): Fishing, capacity, inspection and farming plans

- Each CPC involved in fishing and/or farming of eastern Atlantic and Mediterranean BFT stock shall submit to the Secretariat its fishing, capacity, inspection and farming plan by 5 PM in Madrid on 22 January 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate those documents by 5 PM on 5 February 2021.
- CPCs shall submit to the Secretariat comments on the plans by 5 PM on 12 February 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate those comments by 5 PM on 17 February 2021.
- Those CPC receiving comments shall revise the plan, as appropriate, and submit it to the Secretariat by 5 PM on 19 February 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate the revised plans by 5 PM on 24 February 2021.

Item (6): Responses to the ROP consortium regarding clarification of provisions of Rec. 19-04

- CPCs shall submit comments on the request for clarification from the consortium (Circular 7671-20) by 5 PM on 15 January 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate those comments by 5 PM on 22 January 2021.
- Based on the comments, Panel 2 Chair shall produce and submit to the Secretariat a draft response paper by 5 PM on 29 January 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate the paper by 5 PM on 5 February 2021.

Item (7): Response to the SCRS regarding growth rates for farmed bluefin tuna

- Panel 2 Chair shall produce and submit to the Secretariat a draft response paper by 5 PM on 8 January 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate the paper by 5 PM on 15 January 2021.
- CPCs shall submit to the Secretariat comments on the paper by 5 PM on 22 January 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate those comments by 5 PM on 29 January 2021.
- Based on the comments, Panel 2 Chair shall revise the paper and submit it to the Secretariat by 5 PM on 5 February 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate the paper by 5 PM on 12 February 2121.

Item (8): Draft protocol for Northern Albacore Exceptional Circumstances

- CPCs shall submit comments on the revised list of indicators by 5 PM on 15 January 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate those comments by 5 PM on 22 January 2021.
- Based on the comments, Panel 2 Chair shall produce and submit to the Secretariat a draft response paper by 5 PM on 29 January 2021.
- The Secretariat shall translate and circulate the paper by 5 PM on 5 February 2021.

Please see the Appendix 2 to PA2-618 which includes the entire schedule.