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#### TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDAS

# 27TH REGULAR MEETING OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION OF ATLANTIC TUNAS (ICCAT)

(15-23 November 2021)

Note: Includes documents to be considered by COC, 13-14 November 2021

#### TENTATIVE ANNOTATED COMMISSION AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Commission Chair, Mr. Raul Delgado.

2. Adoption of Agenda and meeting arrangements

The Agenda is available as **PLE-100/2021**. The tentative schedule for the meeting has been published as **GEN-002/2021**, but delegates should note that, as usual, this is subject to change at short notice. Documents are distributed as described in **GEN-003/2021**; access to the document web site is outlined in **GEN-005/2021**, deadlines for submission of documents are contained in **GEN-007/2021**. Guidelines for the use of the electronic platform (ZOOM) are contained in **GEN-009/2021**. To facilitate bilateral/multilateral contacts between CPCs, the list of focal point is contained in **GEN-008/2021**.

3. Introduction of Contracting Party Delegations

Mr. Camille Jean Pierre Manel, Executive Secretary, will introduce the Contracting Parties present. The list of participants will be made available as **GEN-006/2021**.

4. Introduction of Observers

Mr. Camille Jean Pierre Manel, Executive Secretary, will introduce the Observers present. The list of participants will be made available as **GEN-006/2021**.

5. Review of the Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Gary Melvin, SCRS Chair, will present the main findings of the SCRS in 2021 contained in the **PLE-104/21**. Advice pertaining to particular species will be presented to the relevant Panels

- 5.1 Amendment to the Rules and procedures for the protection, access to, and dissemination of data by ICCAT
- 5.2 Revised Roadmap of the ICCAT MSE processes
- 6. Review of the reports of the 2021 Intersessional Meetings, and consideration of any necessary actions

The reports of intersessional meetings of the Panels and of PWG will be reviewed within the respective subsidiary bodies.

The Commission should consider the findings of the draft report of the Virtual Working Group on Revision to Rules of Procedure.

7. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

Each subsidiary body, if time allows, should review and consider any additional updates to the implementation of the Recommendations of the Performance Review Panel. Plenary should consider the findings of each body, as well as the recommendations referred to plenary, to determine if further action is needed. However, if time is short, this could be considered at the 2022 Annual Meeting.

8. Assistance to developing coastal States and capacity building

Information on the MPF is presented in **STF-208/2021.** No activities have been carried out due to the pandemic.

9. Cooperation with other organisations

An update on interaction with the ABNJ Common Oceans Tuna Project and possible future activities is contained in **PLE-108/2021**. Information on cooperation with other organisations, including any updates to draft MoUs, as well as other cooperation, is contained in document **PLE-109/2021**.

10. Report of the Standing Committee on Finance and Administration (STACFAD) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

The Chair of STACFAD will report on the work undertaken and the recommendations of STACFAD, including decisions relating to the budget and contributions for 2022/23 (STF-203/2021).

11. Reports of Panels 1 to 4 and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

The reports of the panels will be adopted by correspondence. The Commission should consider the Recommendations forwarded by the Panels for adoption.

12. Report of the Conservation and Management Measures Compliance Committee (COC) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein

The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Committee, as well as the Compliance tables (COC-304/2021) and actions which may be required on the basis of the COC discussions, which are available in COC-308/2021. The COC may be guided in its actions by Res. 16-17.

13. Report of the Permanent Working Group for the Improvement of ICCAT Statistics and Conservation Measures (PWG) and consideration of any proposed recommendations therein.

The Commission should consider recommendations forwarded by the Group, including the approval of the IUU list (PWG-405/2021).

14. Intersessional meetings in 2022

The Commission may wish to set the dates and venues for intersessional meetings in 2022, including as to whether any in-person meetings can take place or whether only online meetings should continue.

15. Election of Chair and Vice Chairs

The Commission should choose a Chair and First Vice Chair and Second Vice Chairs. Chairs of the subsidiary bodies will be elected in each such body. The work of the Virtual Working Group on Revision to Rules of Procedure should be taken into consideration. The Report of this group is contained in **PLE-101/2021**.

16. Streamlining of conservation and management measures

The Secretariat, in consultation with the Chair of the Commission, has drafted document **PLE-103/2021**. The IMM WG already agreed that Rec. 13-16 could be deactivated and hence the endorsement of the Commission for this decision is sought.

17. Other matters

Other matters may be raised by Contracting Parties present at the meeting, or by the Chair, if required. However, where possible, CPCs should inform the Chair in advance of the meeting of any other matters they wish to raise, and submit any relevant documents in advance.

## 18. Date and place of the next meeting of the Commission

The Commission needs to determine the dates of the next annual meeting, as well as considering the format (in-person or online). Further consideration of hybrid systems, including live-streaming, could be considered.

## 19. Adoption of the report and adjournment

At the time of writing one joint Position Statement for PLE had been received from ISSF and is published as **PLE-110/21.** Additional statements will be posted as they arrive.

# TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE (COC)

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by the Compliance Committee Chair, Mr. Derek Campbell (USA).

2. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda is available as COC-300/2021.

- 3. Appointment of Rapporteur
- 4. Review of progress on follow up on the Second Performance Review and consideration of any necessary actions

The issues referred to the Compliance Committee for consideration are contained in COC-313/2021.

5. Review of Secretariat Report to the Compliance Committee

This is available as COC-303/2021.

6. In-depth review of Billfish Check Sheets [pursuant to Rec. 18-05 para 4]

The Check sheets are available as **COC-315/2021**. Check sheets received after 1 October 2021 (if any) will be included as an addendum. In the event that there are any questions from CPCs to CPCs on these sheets, they will be published, with answers where available, as **COC-318/2021**.

7. Priority review of other Recommendations, taking into account the schedule of expiration of Recommendations and, where possible, the schedule of SCRS assessments, as appropriate [pursuant to Strategic Plan for Review of Compliance Priorities, Appendix 5 to ANNEX 9 of 2019 Annual Meeting Report]

Information is included in COC-303/2021, the Annual Reports (COC-301/2021) and COC-308/2021. PNCs reported by regional observers, together with the responses received from CPCs, are contained in COC-305/2021, and alternative measures implemented with regard to ROP-BFT contained in COC-302/2021. Updated shark check sheets received to date are available as COC-314/2021. Information relating to implementation of scientific observer programmes is summarised in document COC-317/2021. No specific requests for priority summaries have been received to date.

8. Review of response to Chair's letters arising from the 2020 decision-making process

Responses are contained in COC-309/2021.

9. Compliance Tables

Draft compliance tables have been circulated as COC-304/2021.

10. Review of other relevant information, including submissions under Rec. 08-09

Information submitted under Rec. 08-09 by PEW and EJF is available as COC-312/2021.

11. Review of CPC implementation of and compliance with ICCAT requirements, focusing on priority issues and/or cases

12. Review of information relating to Non-CPCs

Responses to Chair's letters are available in **COC-310/2021**. In addition, a request for IUU listing of 3 Oman vessels has been received from the EU and is included in **PWG-405/2021**.

- 13. Determination of recommended actions to address issues of non-compliance by CPCs and issues relating to NCPs arising from items 5 and 6
  - a) Endorsement of Compliance Annex

The compliance tables (Compliance Annex) should be finalised and adopted by COC.

b) Identifications or other actions under the trade measures recommendation (Rec. 06-13)

Data submitted in accordance with Rec. 06-13 are published electronically as **Annex 1** to **COC-303/2021**. Additional information may be included in **PWG-401/2021**. The Committee should consider any necessary actions on the basis of **COC-308/2021** and other relevant information.

c) Action under data recommendations (Recs. 05-09 and 11-15)

Rec. 11-15 provides the basis for prohibiting fisheries if Task 1 data are not received. Rec. 05-09 stipulates that the Compliance Committee or PWG shall identify problematic data deficiencies and recommend appropriate actions by the respective CPC to address the problem.

14. Consideration of requests for cooperating status

There were no new requests for cooperating status received before the deadline. Bolivia specifically requested renewal of its status, although as determined previously by the Commission, specific requests for renewal are not required as such renewal is determined by compliance performance.

15. Review of progress made by the Online Reporting Technology Working Group and next steps

The Report of the Online Reporting Technology Group is available as **COC-306/2021**. The summary of progress made by the Secretariat to date is contained in **COC-316/2021**, and a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Continue the Development of an Integrated Online Reporting System, presented by the Working Group, is available as **COC-313/2021**. COC should concentrate on the policy aspects of the proposal; the financial implications will be discussed in STACFAD.

16. Other recommendations to the Commission to improve compliance, including consideration of a schedule of actions for future application based on Res. 16-17

A draft Schedule of Actions for consideration by the Committee is contained in document COC-307/2021.

Difficulties encountered by CPCs in implementing the ICCAT conservation and management measures have been summarised in document **COC-311/2021**.

17. Election of Chair

The Committee should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

18. Other matters

CPCs may raise any other matters. None were communicated the time of writing, but may be raised until the time of adoption of agenda.

19. Adoption of report and adjournment

The report will be adopted by correspondence.

# TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE PERMANENT WORKING GROUP FOR THE IMPROVEMENT OF ICCAT STATISTICS AND CONSERVATION MEASURES (PWG)

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Mr. Neil Ansell, Chair of the PWG.

- 2. Appointment of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda has been circulated as **PWG-400/2021**.

4. Review of the Report of the Thirteenth Meeting of the Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures (IMM) and consideration of any necessary actions

The report is available as document PWG-404/2021.

- 5. Consideration, taking into account the findings of point 4, of the effectiveness and practical aspects of implementation of:
  - 5.1 Catch Documentation and Statistical Document Programs

Information is contained in the Secretariat Report to the PWG (**PWG-401/2021**), Section 1 and document **PWG-403/2021**. Some issues arising from the TWG may need to be further discussed by the Commission.

The Report of the eBCD Technical Working Group, including "State of Play" from TRAGSA is contained in **PWG-403/2021.** 

In accordance with paragraph 5 of Rec. 18-12 (replaced by Rec. 20-08) a Report on the Implementation of the Derogation to Validate BCDs for Trades of BFT between Member States of the EU is presented as document **PWG-407/2021**.

Japan has submitted a Draft Resolution by ICCAT Establishing an ICCAT Working Group on Catch Document Scheme through document **PWG-410/2021**.

The Chair of PWG has proposed a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend Rec. 20-08 on the Application of the eBCD System through document **PWG-412/2021** and Norway a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to amend Recommendation 18-13 by ICCAT replacing Recommendation 11-20 on an ICCAT bluefin tuna catch documentation program in **PWG-413/2021**.

#### 5.2 Observer Programmes and EMS

Information on the implementation of the ROP-BFT observer programmes is contained in **PA2-601/2021** and on the ROP-Transhipment observer programme for at-sea transhipment is contained in **PWG-402/2021**. PWG may wish to consider any improvements needed to reporting form CP37, or provide clarifications on transhipment data reporting, to ensure consistencies among CPC/ROP data.

With regard to the use of EMS, the European Union has put forward a Draft Resolution by ICCAT Establishing a Pilot Project for the Implementation of Remote Electronic Monitoring (REM) on Bluefin Tuna Processing Vessels in document **PWG-417/2021** as well as a Draft Recommendation for the Establishment of a Working Group in the International Commission on the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) on the use of Electronic Monitoring Systems (EMS) in **PWG-418/2021**.

#### 5.3 At-sea and in-port transhipment requirements

The ICCAT transhipment programme was updated in 2016 (Rec. 16-15) to include carrier vessels transhipping in port on the ICCAT Record of Carrier Vessels. The Record can be consulted at <a href="https://www.iccat.int/en/vesselsrecord.asp">www.iccat.int/en/vesselsrecord.asp</a>. More information on transhipment requirements is contained in PWG-402/2021 and COC-305/2021.

The United States has tabled a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on transhipment through document **PWG-414/2021.** This draft proposes amendments to the current measures.

## 5.4 Rules for chartering and other fishing arrangements

A summary of chartering arrangements and reports from CPCs have been presented to the Compliance Committee in **COC-303/2021**. A table summarising information on Access Agreements is also included in **COC-303/2021**.

#### 5.5 At-sea vessel sighting and inspection programs

Inspection reports submitted under the ICCAT Scheme of Joint Inspection are available as Annex 3 to **COC-303/2021**. A summary of reports is also contained in **COC-303/2021**.

Canada has proposed a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT for a Joint International Inspection Scheme in the Western Atlantic in document **PWG-419/2021**.

#### 5.6 Port inspection schemes and other port State measures

The report of progress made by the Port Inspection Expert group for Capacity and Assistance is contained in **PWG-406/2021**. The ICCAT Port Inspection Training module has now been completed and is attached as Appendix 1 to the aforementioned document.

#### 5.7 Vessel listing requirements

Some information is included in document PWG-401/2021.

The United States has tabled some amendments to the existing requirements through document **PWG-416/2021**, Draft Recommendation amending Recommendation 13-13 by ICCAT concerning the establishment of an ICCAT record of vessels 20 metres in length overall or greater authorized to operate in the Convention area.

#### 5.8 Vessel Monitoring Satellite System requirements

Information from the Secretariat is contained in **COC-303/2021**. The issue of mandatory VMS fields was discussed during the meeting of the IMM Working Group, on the basis of which Draft Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation 07-08 Concerning Data Exchange Format and Protocol in Relation to the Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) for the Bluefin Tuna Fishery in the ICCAT Convention Area is proposed in **PWG-420**.

#### 5.9 Flag State responsibilities

The USA has submitted a Draft Resolution by ICCAT Establishing a Process to Address the use of Forced Labor in ICCAT Fisheries as **PWG-411/2021**.

The EU has tabled a Draft Recommendation to promote compliance by nationals of Contracting Parties, Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties, Entities, or Fishing Entities with ICCAT conservation and management measures repealing and replacing Recommendation 06-14 in **PWG-415/2021**.

5.10 Other issues

- 6. Consideration of additional technical measures needed to ensure effective implementation of ICCAT's conservation and management measures
- 7. Review and establishment of the IUU vessel list

The Draft IUU list is contained in **PWG-405/2021.** There have been no changes to the lists of WCPFC or IATTC since the adoption of the 2018 list. The IOTC list contains one new vessel, and some changes to names / flags. CCSBT has informed ICCAT that there are currently no vessels on its IUU list. The Secretariat has requested information from CCAMLR, GFCM, NEAFC, NAFO, and SEAFO.

The IMM Working Group put forward two Recommendations – a Draft Recommendation on Vessels Without Nationality (**PWG-408/2021**) and a Proposal to amend Recommendation by ICCAT on establishing a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing activities (**PWG-409/2021**.)

- 8. Recommendations to the Commission based on findings of above
- 9. Election of Chair

The PWG should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

10. Other matters

Issues regarding the streamlining of ICCAT Conservation and Management measures relating to PWG can be found in document **PLE-103/2021**.

11. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will be adopted by correspondence.

At the time of writing one joint Position Statement for PWG had been received from OCEANA, PEW and WWF and is published as **PWG-421/2021**. Additional statements will be posted as they arrive.

# TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION (STACFAD)

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting will be opened by Dr Elekon (Turkey), Chair of STACFAD.

- 2. Appointment of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of the Agenda

The Agenda has been circulated as STF-200/2021.

- 4. Reports from the Secretariat
  - 4.1 2021 Administrative Report

The Administrative Report is available as STF-201/2021.

4.2 2021Financial Report

The Financial Report is available as STF-202/2021.

4.3 Review of progress of the payment of arrears and voting rights

Information will be circulated during the meeting taking into account the most updated information available through document **STF-204/2021** (Information on past-due amounts and arrears payment plans)

5. Assistance to developing CPCs and identification of mechanism to finance the Meeting Participation Fund and other capacity building activities

Information on expenditure of the Meeting Participation Fund is contained in document STF-206/2021.

6. Presentation of external reports on staff related matters

Documents **STF-210/2021** contains information about the revision of the Staff Rules, **STF-211/2021** information and updates relating to the increased workload of the Secretariat staff (Diagnostic Report on volume of workload by professional profile of the Secretariat), whereas additional information on the Secretariat increasing workload is contained in **STF-213** 

7. Consideration of financial implications of SCRS requests

Information on SCRS Research activities requiring funding in 2022 is contained in STF-209/2021.

8. Review of progress of the Virtual Working Group on Sustainable Financing

The STACFAD Chair will also report the Commission on the progress made by the Virtual Working Group for Sustainable Financing contained in **STF-205/2021**. Resulting from the work of this Group, Japan has tabled a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Replace Recommendation 03-20 on Criteria for Attaining the Status of Cooperating Non-Contracting Party, Entity or Fishing Entity in ICCAT as **STF-212/2021**.

9. Consideration of financial implications of ICCAT conservation and management measures proposed

Following a decision by the Commission in 2019, each proposal should be accompanied by an estimate of the additional resources required, particularly by the ICCAT Secretariat, for the implementation of any new reporting requirements or other tasks it contains.

10. Adoption of Budget and Contracting Party contributions for the period 2022/23

The Draft Regular Budget was circulated in advance and is available in document **STF-203/2021**. The budget for eBCD was also circulated 60 days in advance, and has been distributed as **STF-207/2021**.

11. Election of Chair

The Standing Committee should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

- 12. Other matters
- 13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will probably be adopted by correspondence.

#### TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF PANEL 1

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Appointment of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for Panel 1 is available as PA1-500/2021.

4. Review of Panel membership

Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2021**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Melvin will report on the status of the tropical tuna stocks, as well as responding to the specific requests of the Commission in relation to tropical tuna. Information is contained in **PLE-104/2021**.

- 6. Review of the reports of the intersessional meetings of Panel 1 and consideration of any necessary actions
- 7. Review of compliance tables

The bigeye tuna table contained in **COC-304/2021** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee. Adjusted quotas for 2022 cannot be calculated, as no catch limits have been adopted.

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities* 

The Chair has put forward a Chair's Draft for a Revised ICCAT Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Programme for Tropical Tunas in **PA1-503/2021**, and Japan has tabled a Proposal on observer coverage in **PA1-507/2021** and another on bigeye tuna TAC and allocations in **PA1-510/2021** (amendments on Rec. 19-02). Information papers, aimed at facilitating the discussion on measure for tropical tuna, but not intended for adoption are published as **PA1-505/2021** and **PA1-506/2021**.

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.

- 10. Research
- 11. Election of Chair

The Panel should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period. The current Chair has indicated that he will not be available for re-election.

12. Other matters

At the time of writing one Position Statement for Panel 1 had been received from IPNLF and is published as **PA1-508/21**. Additional statements will be posted as they arrive.

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will be adopted by correspondence

#### **TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF PANEL 2**

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Appointment of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for Panel 2 is available as PA2-600/2021.

#### 4. Review of Panel membership

Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2021**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Melvin will report on the status of the northern temperate tuna stocks, as well as responding to the specific requests of the Commission in relation to the continued work on MSE for bluefin tuna (East and West). SCRS advice is contained in **PLE-104/2021**.

6. Review of the reports of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2, and consideration of any necessary actions

Please see document PA2-602/2021 and PA2-603/2021.

7. Review of compliance tables

The bluefin tuna and northern albacore tables contained in **COC-304/2021** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of* Fishing Possibilities

A Draft Proposal to Amend ICCAT Recommendation 17-04 on a Harvest Control Rule for North Atlantic Albacore Supplementing the Multiannual Conservation and Management Programme, Rec. 16-06, as Amended by Recommendation 20-04, presented by the UK and EU, is contained in **PA2-605A/2021**.

Japan has submitted a Proposal on growth rate observed in bluefin tuna farmed in eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, contained in **PA2-606/2021** (and appendix).

The UK has submitted a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT to Amend Recommendation 19-04 Amending the Recommendation 18-02 Establishing a Multi-Annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, as Amended by Recommendation 20-07 in document PA2-609 REV/2021 and the Chair of Panel 2 has proposed A Draft Recommendation by ICCAT Amending The Recommendation 19-04 Establishing A Multi-Annual Management Plan for Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Atlantic and the Mediterranean, published as PA2-604/2021.

A discussion paper on a Scheme of short-term live storage of bluefin tuna, presented by Norway in document **PA2-607/2021** will also be considered under this agenda item.

- 9. Identification of outdated measures in light of item 8 above
- 10. Research

Information on the GBYP and any other relevant information related to research will be presented by the SCRS Chair. The EU has tabled a Request to the SCRS to establish a length-weight relationship (L-W) for fattened bluefin tuna which is contained in document **PA2-608/2021**.

11. Election of Chair

The Panel should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

12. Other matters

Scheme of short-term live storage of bluefin tuna.

13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will be adopted by correspondence.

#### TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF PANEL 3

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Appointment of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for Panel 3 is available as PA3-700/2021.

4. Review of Panel membership

Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2021**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Melvin will report on the status of the southern temperate tuna stocks.

6. Review of compliance tables

The southern albacore table contained in **COC-304/2021** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.

7. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities* 

In 2020, the provisions of Rec. 16-04 were extended for one year and are due to expire at the end of 2021. The Chair will put forward a draft measure for 2022 which has been circulated as **PA3-701A/2021**.

8. Identification of outdated measures in light of 7 above

If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.

9. Research

Any relevant information related to research will be presented by the SCRS Chair.

10. Election of Chair

The Panel should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

- 11. Other matters
- 12. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will be adopted by correspondence.

#### TENTATIVE ANNOTATED AGENDA OF PANEL 4

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Appointment of Rapporteur
- 3. Adoption of Agenda

The agenda for Panel 4 is available as PA4-800/2021.

Review of Panel membership

Panel membership can be found in document in **GEN-004/2021**. The Executive Secretary will inform the Panel of any change in membership.

5. Report of the Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS)

Dr Melvin will report on the status of swordfish, billfish, sharks and other tuna and tuna-like species not included in other Panels, as well as responding to the specific requests of the Commission in relation to species under the purview of Panel 4.

6. Review of the reports of the Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4, and consideration of any necessary actions

The Report of the First Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4, held in July 2021, is available as **PA4-804/2021**. The Report of the Second Intersessional Meeting of Panel 4, held in October 2021, will be available as **PA4-810/2021**.

7. Review of compliance tables

The swordfish, billfish and blue shark tables contained in **COC-304/2021** should be examined as early as possible in order to determine if any changes are necessary or if any actions may be required by the Compliance Committee.

8. Measures for the conservation of stocks and implementation of the *ICCAT Criteria for the Allocation of Fishing Possibilities* 

Updated management / development plans for north Atlantic swordfish are presented in document **PA4-801/2021**. Management plans for Mediterranean swordfish are presented in **PA4-802/2021**. These latter have already been reviewed by Panel 4 intersessionally.

The following draft measures have been presented to date for consideration by Panel 4:

Draft Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT Extending and Amending Recommendation 17-02 (Recommendation by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation for the Conservation of North Atlantic Swordfish, Rec. 16-03), document **PA4-803/2021** 

Draft Recommendation to Amend Recommendation by ICCAT on Management Measures for the Conservation of South Atlantic Blue Shark Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries (Rec. 19-08) in **PA4-805/2021** 

Draft Supplemental Recommendation by ICCAT on Rec. 17-03 Amending the Recommendation for the Conservation of South Atlantic Swordfish in **PA4-806/2021** 

The USA has presented a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT Concerning the Conservation of Sharks Caught in Association with Fisheries Managed by ICCAT in **PA4-807/2021**.

A Proposal to Amend Recommendation 19-07 by ICCAT Amending the Recommendation 16-12 on Management Measures for the Conservation of the North Atlantic Blue Shark Caught in Association with ICCAT Fisheries has been presented jointly by the EU/UK to reflect the transfer of shares in **PA4-808/2021**.

The Chair will present a Draft Recommendation by ICCAT on the conservation of North Atlantic stock of shortfin make shark caught in association with ICCAT fisheries in **PA4-809/2021**.

9. Identification of outdated measures in light of 8 above

If previous measures are to be rescinded on the adoption of new measures, this should be identified, preferably in the Recommendation, or at least clearly indicated by the Panel.

10. Research

Any relevant information related to research will be presented by the SCRS Chair.

11. Election of Chair

The Panel should elect its Chair for the coming biennial period.

- 12. Other matters
- 13. Adoption of the report and adjournment

The report will be adopted by correspondence.