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**The Pew Charitable Trusts'
Opening Statement to Panel 2
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The Pew Charitable Trusts welcomes this opportunity to comment on the important business matters that Panel 2 will address at this year's Commission meeting. First, we would like to acknowledge the tremendous intersessional efforts of Panel 2 and the SCRS to finalize the management strategy evaluation (MSE) for Atlantic bluefin tuna this year. The bluefin MSE was a historic undertaking, and based on this remarkable accomplishment, we urge Panel 2 to do the following:

- **Adopt Recommendation [PA2-613](#) to establish a management procedure for Atlantic bluefin tuna to be used for both the western and eastern management areas.** After nearly a decade of hard work, both by the SCRS and Panel 2, it is time to adopt a management procedure to set total allowable catches (TACs) for both sides of the Atlantic starting in the 2023 fishing year. A historically complex and robust MSE that accounts for stock mixing was completed this year and endorsed by the SCRS as ready to be the basis for TAC-setting. All remaining candidate management procedure variants meet the minimum performance standards for stock status and safety as advised by Panel 2, giving CPCs twenty-four viable options. Adopting the management procedure, especially one using a stock status management objective that requires a 70% probability of occurring in the green quadrant of the Kobe plot in 2052 (i.e., PGK performance statistic), is the best option to help secure healthy populations and industry stability for the long-term. PGK70% is particularly appropriate since Panel 2 agreed to the riskiest option for the safety objective (i.e., LD*15%) and since PGK only looks at one value 30 years in the future rather than in every year as in ICCAT's traditional use of requiring a 60% chance of being in the Kobe green quadrant.
- **Adopt Recommendations [PA2-611](#) and [PA2-615](#) to implement the MP-based TAC in both eastern and western management areas, respectively.**