

INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM
PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING

27th MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)
29 October 2009

AGENDA

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The 27th Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in La Jolla, California (USA) on 29 October. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Dr. Guillermo Compeán, Director of the IATTC, who requested nominations for chairing the meeting. Ing. Luís Torres, of Ecuador, was elected to chair the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without modification.

3. Approval of minutes of the 26th meeting

The minutes of the 26th meeting, previously circulated by the Secretariat, were approved as presented.

4. Review of the implementation of the dolphin safe certification system

The Secretariat staff presented Document TT-27-04, *Matters related to the Tuna Tracking and Dolphin-Safe Certification programs*. He observed that the Secretariat has received three valid dolphin-safe certificates issued between 1 January 2008 and October 2009, and that in no case had the weight recorded on the certificate exceeded, by a margin in excess of the permissible 10%, the amount of *dolphin safe* tuna recorded on the corresponding Tuna Tracking Form (TTFs). The system requires that the Secretariat receive the TTFs within 10 days of the end of the trip; since June 2008, the percentage of TTFs received within this period had decreased slightly, from 95% to 89%.

El Salvador stated that, due to budget difficulties, it has been difficult to submit the TTFs within the established period, and that El Salvador sends them when it has accumulated a certain quantity of them.

A question was asked about the importance of submitting the TTFs within the 10 days established, and the Secretariat stated that the time period was established in order to respect times for marketing and

possible audits, for the benefit of the industry, so it was suggested that the established period be maintained.

5. Other business

The group thanked Lic. Sonia Salaverría, of El Salvador, for chairing its meetings in the past.

6. Recommendations for the IRP

There were no recommendations for the International Review Panel.

7. Place and date of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates that are agreed for the meetings of the IATTC and the AIDCP in September 2010. Guatemala offered to host the meetings.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10.08 a.m. on 29 October 2009.

Appendix 1.

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