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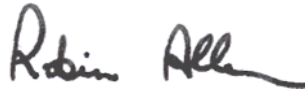
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To: Scientific institutions of the member governments

Cc: Observers

From: Robin Allen, Director



Re: Stock assessment review working group meeting, May 2006

A meeting of the Working Group for the review of the staff's stock assessments will take place from May 15 to 19, 2006.

The Working Group will meet in Building T-29 on the campus of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography, near the Commission's headquarters in La Jolla. Due to the technical nature of the meeting, a key element for success will be the active participation of scientists familiar with stock assessment techniques.

In addition to the regular stock assessments, the Commission has sought particular advice on [seabirds](#) and [sharks](#). In respect of seabirds, it has asked for an assessment of the impact of incidental catch of seabirds resulting from the activities of all the vessels fishing for tunas and tuna-like species, in the eastern Pacific Ocean. This assessment should include an identification of the geographic areas where there could be interactions between longline fisheries and seabirds. In respect of sharks, it has requested preliminary advice on the stock status of key shark species and for a proposed research plan for a comprehensive assessment of these stocks, and for a review of the ratio of fin-to-body weight of sharks.

If you wish to contribute a paper for the meeting, please submit it by May 1, 2006, to Ms. [Alejandra Ferreira](#). Any documents available before the meetings will be placed on the [Commission's website](#). Registration will commence at 8:30 a.m., and the sessions will commence at 9:00 a.m.; they will be conducted in English only.

There are several hotels nearby, but the following is the closest:

- **Radisson Hotel**, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla, CA 92037; Tel: (858) 453-5500, Fax: (858) 453-5550, res@radissonlj.com. IATTC rate US\$129 plus 10.5% tax, single or double; includes transportation to and from the San Diego airport. The deadline for making reservations at this rate is April 7.

It is recommended that reservations be made as soon as possible.

It would be much appreciated if you would inform Ms. Alejandra Ferreira as soon as possible, by e-mail at aferreira@iattc.org or by fax at (858) 546 7133, of the names of those intending to attend the meetings.

Enclosure: provisional agenda