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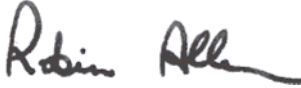
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From: Robin Allen, Director



Re: Scientific workshop in October

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As has been the custom for several years, a mid-year scientific workshop will be held in La Jolla during 17-20 October 2006. The attached note describes the purpose of the workshop.

The workshop is preceded by a tutorial on the application to tunas of the general stock assessment program, *Stock Synthesis II*.

In addition to this advice, I will send invitations to interested scientists and organizations.

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## **WORKSHOP ON MANAGEMENT STRATEGIES**

17-20 October 2006

and

## **TUTORIAL ON STOCK SYNTHESIS II**

16 October 2006

La Jolla, California (USA)

The workshop will review approaches to evaluate management strategies for tunas, billfishes, and related species. Focus will be given to management measures for bigeye tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean, which is currently over-fished and experiencing over-fishing. In particular, multi-species management strategies will be reviewed due to the large technical interaction among the main tuna species and bycatch. The topics to be covered include:

1. Evaluation of comprehensive management strategies for tunas and billfishes, including: operating models, data collection, assessment methods, harvest rules, and evaluation criteria;
2. Evaluation of management strategies that use spatial and temporal closures;
3. Evaluation of other management strategies (*e.g.* gear restrictions, vessel catch limits, effect on yield of effort allocation among fishing methods);
4. Evaluation of multi-species management strategies.

Contributions to the workshop in the form of presentations or documents are encouraged, and interested parties should contact Mark Maunder ([mmaunder@iattc.org](mailto:mmaunder@iattc.org)) with details.

On the Monday before the workshop, a tutorial will be held on the application to tunas of the general stock assessment program, *Stock Synthesis II*.

If you plan to attend the workshop and/or tutorial, please inform Mark Maunder or Alejandra Ferreira ([aferreira@iattc.org](mailto:aferreira@iattc.org)).

There are several hotels nearby, but the closest is the Radisson Hotel, 3299 Holiday Court, La Jolla, CA 92037; Tel: (858) 453-5500, Fax: (858) 453-5550, [res@radissonlj.com](mailto: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 September 15.

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