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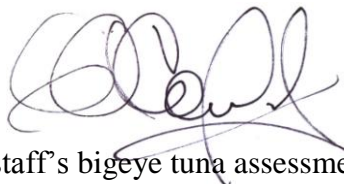
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From: Guillermo Compeán, Director



Ref: External review of the IATTC staff's bigeye tuna assessment

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At my request, an external review of the IATTC staff's assessment of the bigeye tuna stock in the eastern Pacific Ocean will take place on May 3-7, 2010. The goals of the review are to evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of our assessment method and assumptions, and to make recommendations that could improve our current methods. The review will be conducted by an expert panel consisting of Drs. John Sibert (chair), Jim Ianelli, Andre Punt, and Billy Ernst.

Representatives and scientists of interested governments are welcome to attend the meeting as observers, although it should be borne in mind that the matters to be discussed are highly technical. The meeting, which will be conducted in English only, will start at 9:00 a.m. on May 3<sup>rd</sup>, and will take place in the Martin Johnson House (building T-29) on the campus of Scripps Institution of Oceanography, adjacent to the IATTC offices.

The Antigua Convention enters into force in August 2010, and therefore the Stock Assessment Review Meeting, which usually takes place in May of each year, is being replaced by a meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC), as specified in the Antigua Convention. The first meeting of the SAC will take place after the entry into force of the Convention, from August 31<sup>st</sup> through September 3<sup>rd</sup>, at the Marriott Hotel in La Jolla. Details of the agenda and venue will be announced at a later date.

We have secured the following accommodations for the May meeting:

- **Hotel Inn by the Sea**, 7830 Fay Avenue, La Jolla, CA 92037; Tel: (800) 462-9732, Fax (858) 454-3941. IATTC rate **US\$139** plus 10.5% tax, single or double; includes continental breakfast. The deadline for making reservations at this rate is **April 8, 2010**.

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

It would be much appreciated if you would inform Mrs. Monica Galván as soon as possible, by e-mail at [mgalvan@iattc.org](mailto:mgalvan@iattc.org) or by fax at (858) 546-7133, of the names of those who will be attending the meeting. A registration form is attached, or you may [register online](#).<sup>1</sup>

Attachments: Registration form  
Hotel reservation form

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.iattc.org/meetingregistration201005/>