

PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING

19TH MEETING

LANZAROTE (SPAIN)

13 JUNE 2005

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

AGENDA

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4. Review of the implementation of the dolphin safe certification system
5. Publicizing TTF numbers for tuna caught in contravention of IATTC resolutions
6. Recommendations for the IRP
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APPENDICES

1. List of attendees

The 19th Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in Lanzarote, Spain, on 13 June 2005. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Ms. Pat Donley of the United States, Chair of the working group.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted with the addition of one item under *Other business*. Venezuela requested that the Working Group discuss the acquisition of ISO 9000 certification by Earth Island Institute.

3. Approval of minutes of the 18th meeting

The minutes of the 18th meeting were approved as presented.

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

Dr. Robin Allen, Director of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), reviewed Document TT-19-04a, which addresses matters related to the tuna tracking and dolphin-safe certification programs. There followed a general discussion of the increasing success of the program and possible ways it could be improved. Several members commented on the difficulty of arriving at usable conversion factors to convert processed products from frozen tuna recorded on the TTFs. The Secretariat was asked to gather information on the yield of processed products from raw tuna by circulating a questionnaire to the Parties and to report back at the next meeting of the Working Group. It was noted that one problem with obtaining conversion factors was that the information may be proprietary or

confidential. The Chair observed that this problem might be ameliorated if the working group focuses on a range of factors for each conversion

On the subject of national tuna tracking plans, Dr. Allen noted that Nicaragua had submitted a plan which the Secretariat had reviewed and found to be consistent with the AIDCP Tuna Tracking and Verification System. The Working Group approved the Nicaraguan plan. Nicaragua was invited to make a presentation of its plan at the next meeting of the Working Group. Later in the meeting, the representative of Nicaragua joined the meeting and accepted the invitation.

5. Publicizing TTF numbers for tuna caught in contravention of IATTC resolutions

The background of this issue is explained in Document TT-19-05, which also contains a proposed protocol for the publication on the IATTC website of TTF numbers for tuna caught contrary to the Commission's conservation and management measures. The purpose of publication would be to enhance compliance with such measures, in particular closures of the purse-seine fishery.

Several delegations expressed their approval of the protocol elaborated in the document. The European Union suggested that paragraph 3 of the proposal be replaced with the following:

“The name of the flag state of the vessel and the numbers of the TTFs for fishing trips conducted in contravention of an IATTC conservation and management resolution shall be made publicly available.”

The delegation of Colombia stated that it could not support this protocol, as Colombia is not a member of the IATTC. After some discussion, it was decided to pass this subject to the IRP, with a request that it be discussed further by the Meeting of the Parties.

6. Recommendations for the IRP

The Working Group did not have any recommendations for the IRP.

7. Other business

Venezuela began the discussion of the ISO 9000 certification obtained by Earth Island Institute and asked if the Working Group should respond or what it might do in response. One suggestion was that the AIDCP Certification System could also obtain ISO certification. Delegations spoke for and against the idea, with some observing that the type of ISO certification obtained by EII was not very meaningful; some noting that it would be better not to follow EII in seeking this certification, but rather continuing to strengthen the AIDCP certification system; and others indicating that this issue appeared to be mainly one of image and promotion. The meeting decided to continue the discussion of this matter at the upcoming meeting of the Working Group to Promote and Publicize the AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna Certification System.

8. Place and date of next meeting

It was agreed that the next meeting of the Working Group will be held prior to the next IRP meeting in October 2005 in La Jolla.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on 13 June 2005.

Appendix 1.

**PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING
GRUPO DE TRABAJO PERMANENTE SOBRE EL SEGUIMIENTO DEL ATÚN**

19th MEETING - 19^a REUNIÓN

June 13, 2005 – 13 de junio de 2005

Lanzarote, Spain

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