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Subject: Announcement of JWG intersessional (March 2026)

Dear All,

By request of the Co-Chairs of the IATTC – WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group on Pacific bluefin tuna (PBFJWG), I draw your attention to the attached meeting notice relating to a 3rd intersessional meeting scheduled for early 2026. Further details are contained in the attached letter and additional information to support preparations for participation in the meeting will be circulated in due course.

Yours sincerely,

Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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RE: Announcement of IATTC – WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group Meeting on the management of Pacific bluefin tuna – 3rd Intersessional Meeting March 2026 (JWGI – 03)

Dear Dr. Franco and Ms. Moss-Christian,

The Co-Chairs of the IATTC – WCPFC Northern Committee Joint Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG) would like to announce the 3rd intersessional meeting to be held on 11 – 13 March 2026 in California, USA. The Co-Chairs would like to thank the United States for offering to host the meeting.

In July 2025, the 10th JWG meeting progressed discussions on the Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) long-term harvest strategy, the development of the PBF catch documentation scheme (CDS) and reviewed Monitoring Control and Surveillance (MCS) measures. The Co-Chairs and JWG members continued conversations on the long-term harvest strategy and harvest control rules on the sidelines of the IATTC and WCPFC annual meetings in September and December, respectively. JWG members expressed their interest in holding an intersessional meeting to continue to advance these discussions ahead of JWGI-11 in July 2026.

We will work with the United States to confirm the detailed meeting arrangements and share additional information with both Commissions as soon as possible. For planning purposes, we anticipate that the meeting will be held in Los Angeles or San Diego, and we are exploring options for hybrid participation.

We would appreciate your assistance in sharing this announcement with all parties.

Sincerely,

Josh Madeira
Co-Chair for IATTC

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Co-Chair for WCPFC