

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

2ND CIRCLE HOOK WORKSHOP

by videoconference

28-30 April 2025

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Adoption of the agenda and workshop guidance (Co-chairs)
3. Workshop Objectives and review of EBWG recommendations and 1st Circle Hook Workshop (Co-chairs):
[Note: Workshop objectives: a. Define large circle hook size in effort to satisfy requirements of Resolution C-19-04 b. Review data on longevity and integrity of hooks from different configurations and manufacturers c. Discussions on 3rd mitigation options d. Develop BHRP for sea turtles in small-scale / shallow-set longline fleet, e. Resolve language for Resolution C-19-04]
4. Presentations and Discussions by the IATTC staff, invited experts, and CPCs:
 - a. Review of the workshop background document (Christina Langford, Scripps Institution of Oceanography)
 - b. Review 1st workshop Kei Okamoto (Japan Fisheries Research and Education Institute)
- A. Characteristics of circle hooks and fleet uses
 1. Hook Characteristics (Dan Foster, retired NOAA Fisheries)
 2. Gear characterization in small scale fleets across EPO (Salvador Siu, IATTC)
- B. Impacts of circle hooks on target and non target species
 1. Rui Coehlo (Portuguese Institute for the Ocean and Atmosphere)
 2. Estibaliz Martinez (Datafish, Spain)
 3. Kei Okamoto (Japan Fisheries Research and Education Institute)
 4. Ochi Daisuke (Japan Fisheries Research and Education Institute)
- C. Hook longevity and integrity
 1. Melanie Hutchinson (IATTC)
- D. Third mitigation options
 1. Eric Gilman (Safina Center)
- E. Best handling and release practice guidelines for sea turtles
 1. Brian Stacy (NOAA Fisheries)
 2. Mariluz Parga & Sandra Andraka (Submon, EcoPacífico+)
 3. Melanie Hutchinson (IATTC)
5. Discussions and Recommendations for the EBWG3 (Co-chairs/IATTC staff)
6. Other matters
7. Adjournment