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To: Commissioners

cc: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia

From: Guillermo Compeán, Director

Re: 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Working Group on Bycatch and 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working

Group on FADs

I have the pleasure of informing you the schedule of the following meetings that will be held immediately before the 9<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee in May 2018:

Dates	Meetings	
10 May 11 May (AM)	8 <sup>th</sup>	Meeting of the Working Group on Bycatch
11 May (PM) 12 May	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs

Registration for the Working Group on Bycatch will start at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday 10, and the meeting will commence at 9:00 a.m.; it will be possible to register for the Ad Hoc Working Group on FAD at any time from 8:30 a.m. on Thursday 10 up to the start of the meeting on Friday 11 at 3 PM. Any documents available before the meeting will be placed on the Commission's website.

The working groups will meet at the *Embassy Ballroom* of the hotel Embassy Suites La Jolla, located at 4550 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, California 92037; (858) 453-0400.

If you wish to make a reservation at this hotel, please be informed that the Commission has secured a room rate of **US \$175** (plus taxes) for a single or double occupancy. Reservations may be made directly with the hotel by using the following link: <u>SAC and WGs Room Reservation 2018</u>. The deadline for booking rooms at this rate is **11 April 2018**.

It would be also helpful if you would inform the Director the name of the representative of your delegation who would eventually require financial support for participation under the "Special fund for strengthening the institutional capacity of developing countries and territories for the sustainable development of fisheries for highly migratory species". It would be most appreciated if you could send this information before 23 April 2018, in order to make the appropriate arrangements sufficiently in advance.