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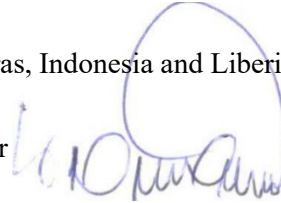
MEMORANDUM

22 July 2021
Ref.: 0299-410

Para: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation

c.c.: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia and Liberia

De: Alfonso Miranda, Chair



Re: 98th meeting of the Commission by videoconference (23-27 August 2021)

In this memorandum, I wish to refer to the 98th meeting of the Commission to be held by videoconference from **23-27 August 2021**, starting at **3:00 p.m. PDT** San Diego time.

As already announced on the Commission's website, several AIDCP meetings and meetings of IATTC subsidiary bodies will be held during the previous week. For the sake of ensuring equitable treatment among participants located in the time zones that are the farthest away from San Diego, those meetings will begin at **8:00 a.m. PDT** San Diego, California, time.

Now, I wish to emphasize that **the objective to be achieved at the August meeting is to reach a decision on conservation and management measures for tropical and temperate tunas**. For this reason, the provisional agenda (see **Annex 1**) is focused **only** on the negotiation and adoption of these measures, excluding all other issues which will be considered later at the October meeting (see Annex 2).

To achieve this objective, it is therefore imperative to multiply all necessary efforts before the August meeting to bring positions closer together and to work actively towards the preparation of a consensus, including through **informal consultations**.

I am pleased to note that this process has already started and I wish to reiterate that the Director, the Commission's staff and I remain at the complete disposal of all members to facilitate this process and to respond effectively and efficiently to all requests made in this context.

It is also important to anticipate and program all the necessary arrangements so that this process of bringing together, exchanging views and negotiating can continue to be carried out during the August meeting, aside from the formal videoconference sessions. These arrangements should be as practical, efficient and agile as possible, with the possibility of informal consultation meetings by videoconference, or face-to-face or hybrid meetings for those delegations that so choose, as some members have already proposed.

On that occasion, as the Director and the staff of the Commission, I will be at the disposal of members to provide as much support as possible to this process of informal consultations

Annexes: as indicated. -

Annex 1:

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

98TH MEETING

(by videoconference)

23-27 August 2021

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting*
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Consideration of additional measures of conservation and management of tropical tunas (continued)
4. Temperate tuna species: Pacific bluefin and North Pacific albacore
 - a. Summary presentation of the fishery in 2019-2020 and status of the temperate tuna stocks and recommendations of the IATTC staff
 - b. Recommendations of the 12th meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee
 - d. Consideration and discussion of the proposed measures of conservation and management of temperate tuna
5. Discussion of resolutions and recommendations
6. Adjournment

* Including the adoption of *ad hoc* rules and arrangements for the 98th meeting only.

Annex 2:

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

**98TH MEETING
(CONTINUED)**

**La Jolla, California, USA
11-15 October 2021 ***

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Reports of subsidiary bodies and working groups:
 - a. 5th Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs
 - b. 8th Meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance
 - c. 11th and 12th Meetings of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission
 - d. 22nd Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Fleet Capacity:
 - i. Report of the consultant on a fleet capacity management plan and associated measures
4. Observer program for transshipments at sea
5. Implementation of Article XII, paragraph 1, of the Antigua Convention
6. Discussion of resolutions and recommendations
7. Election of Chair and Deputy Chair of the Commission
8. Election of Chairs of subsidiary bodies and working groups
9. Other business
10. Place and date of next meeting
11. Closure

* Dates to be confirmed.