

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE
17TH MEETING
La Jolla, California (USA)
08-12 June 2026

PROVISIONAL AGENDA – ANNOTATED VERSION

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Morning	Tropical Tuna - Talks on Stock Assessment and Recommendations for Management	Harvest Strategies of Tropical Tuna - Talks on MSE/HS and Recommendations for Management	Temperate Tuna and Other Species - Talks on Stock Assessment MSE/HS and Recommendations for Management	Ecosystem and Bycatch - Talks and Recommendations	Staff recommendations, Other business, Discussion -SAC Recommendations
Lunch					
Afternoon	Discussion session 1	Discussion session 2	Discussion session 3	Discussion session 4	Discussion - SAC Recommendations

Documents

Monday 08 June

9:00 am	1. Opening of the meeting	
9:15 am	2. Adoption of the agenda	
	3. The fishery in the EPO	
9:30 am	a. The tuna fishery in 2025	SAC-17-01
	4. Tropical tunas: stock assessments and data collection	
10:00 am	a. Stock status indicators (SSIs)	SAC-17-02
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	b. Bigeye (BET) update assessment	SAC-17-03
11:15 am	c. IATTC Tropical Tuna Tagging Program: proposed collaborative work-plan	SAC-17 INF-F
11:45 am	d. Development and implementation of the IPSP: update	SAC-17-04
12:30-2:00 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	Discussion session 1* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	Discussion session 1* (cont.)	

*** The items below can be included in Discussion session 1 upon request by the SAC¹:**

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| i. | Enhanced monitoring program (EMP): 2025 report | SAC-17 INF-G |
| ii. | Review of previous SAC recommendations | SAC-17 INF-D |
| iii. | Longline observer program reports | SAC-17 INF-B |
| iv. | Transshipment report | SAC-17 INF-C |

¹ The agenda for the SAC-17 meeting has been structured considering the priority issues in 2026 and the inclusion of ample space for discussion at the request of the SAC. One or more of the following topics may be presented at the request of the SAC if time allows.

5:30 pm Closure

Tuesday 09 June

	5. Tropical tuna: development of harvest strategies	
9:00 am	a. BET Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)	SAC-17-05
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	b. BET harvest strategy: staff's proposal	SAC-17-06
11:45 am	c. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: tropical tunas	SAC-17-10
12:30-2:00 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	Discussion session 2* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	Discussion session 2* (cont.)	
5:30 pm	Closure	

Wednesday 10 June

9:00 am	6. FADs	
	a. Report of the FAD WG	
	7. Temperate tunas and other species	
	a. Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF):	
10:00 am	i. Harvest strategy development (ISC and IATTC-WCPFC-NC Joint WG)	SAC-17 INF-H
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	b. North Pacific albacore tuna (NP-ALB): Benchmark stock assessment (ISC)	SAC-17 INF-I
11:15 am	c. South Pacific albacore tuna (SP-ALB): IATTC-WCPFC Joint WG update	
11:45 am	d. Dorado: update on collaborative research	SAC-17 INF-J
12:30-2:00 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	Staff recommendations for conservation and management: temperate tunas and other species	SAC-17-10
2:30 pm	Discussion session 3* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	Discussion session 3* (cont.)	

* The Items below can be included in Discussion session 3 upon request by the SAC:

	i. FAD indicators	FAD-10-01
	ii. Lifespan dynamics of biodegradable and conventional FADs: an expanded analysis	FAD-10-02
	iii. Evaluation of FAD components in relation to certification standards for biobased materials	FAD-10-03
	iv. Options for marking FADs	FAD-10-04
	v. Any of the documents mentioned above for sessions 1 and 2	
5:30 pm	Closure	

Thursday 11 June

	8. Ecosystem and bycatch	
	a. Sharks and rays	
9:00 am	i. Characterization of longline fleets in the Convention Area	SAC-17-07
9:30 am	ii. Guidelines for best handling and release practices for sharks: update	SAC-17-08
10:00 am	i. Proposed shark research plan for the IATTC: follow-up on paragraph 16 of C-25-08	SAC-17-09
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	b. Dolphins: research update	SAC-17 INF-L
	c. Climate change	
11:00 am	i. Report on 2 nd Workshop on climate change	
11:15 am	d. IATTC Achotines Laboratory: discussion on future activities	SAC-17 INF-N
11:45 am	e. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: ecosystem and bycatch	SAC-17-10
12:15 pm	f. Report of the Ecosystem and Bycatch WG	
12:30-2:00 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	Discussion session 4* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations	
	* The items below can be included in Discussion session 4 upon request by the SAC:	
	i. Pilot study for lifting sharks	SAC-17 INF-K
	ii. Ecosystem considerations report	EB-04-01
	iii. Seabird distribution overlap with longline fisheries	EB-04-02
	iv. Criteria for delineating ecoregions and indicators in support of EAFM operationalization	EB-04-03
	v. Best handling and release practices for sea turtles: update	EB-04-04
	vi. Best handling and release practices for seabirds: update	EB-04-05
	vii. Any of the documents mentioned above for sessions 1, 2 and 3	
5:30 pm	Closure	

Friday 12 June		
9:00 am	9. Staff recommendations	SAC-17-10
9:30 am	10. Other business	
10:30-10:45 am	Coffee break	
10:45 am	11. SAC recommendations	
12:30-2 pm	Lunch break	
2:00 pm	11. SAC recommendations	
4:00-4:15 pm	Coffee break	
4:15 pm	11. SAC recommendations	
5:30 pm	12. Meeting adjournment	