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## INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

### **4<sup>th</sup> WORKSHOP OF AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM (EMS) IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN (EPO): TECHNICAL STANDARDS AND DATA COLLECTION PRIORITIES**

*(by videoconference)*  
12-14 December 2022

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

According to a general consensus, and in particular by the IATTC, electronic monitoring (EM) is a promising tool for enhancing data collection for longline vessels and purse-seine vessels, especially when they do not carry on-board observers, and, as it has been suggested by the IATTC scientific staff, as a means to complement the onboard observer's data collection. Consequently, the Scientific Advisory Committee, during its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in 2019 (SAC-10), and pursuant to paragraphs 9 and 10 of Resolution [C-19-08](#), requested the IATTC staff to draft minimum standards and data collection and reporting requirements for EM for both the tuna purse-seine and the longline fleets operating in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), to be presented for consideration to the Commission.

In 2020, the staff prepared document [SAC-11-10](#) "*An electronic monitoring system for the tuna fisheries in the eastern Pacific Ocean: objectives and standards*", which was presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SAC in October 2020. Subsequently, the first EMS workshop was held by videoconference on 22 and 23 April 2021 to: 1) further discuss and obtain feedback on some of the elements contained in document SAC-11-10 (EMS-01-01), and 2) to present the workplan for the implementation of an EM system (EMS) in the EPO ([EMS-01-02](#)). As a result, three immediate actions were recommended and adopted by the Commission during its 98<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting, which was held in August 2021 and resumed in October 2021:

- 1) Adopt, at least on a provisional basis, the definitions in Annex 1 of the document [EMS-01-01](#) (Res. [C-21-03](#));
- 2) Adopt, with a slight modification on potential EMS starting time, the EMS workplan detailed in document [EMS-01-02](#), and
- 3) Adopt the Terms of Reference for the EM workshops (Res. [C-21-02](#)).

Since then, the IATTC staff has organized two more of the workshops of the adopted workplan (EMS-01-02), in fall 2021 (EMS-02 on institutional structure, goals and scope of the EMS) and spring 2022 (EMS-03 on management considerations). In addition, during the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Commission in August 2022, the IATTC adopted a resolution on the establishment of an *ad hoc* Working Group on Electronic Monitoring (EMWG), which will facilitate, in parallel with the workshops, the implementation of an EMS in the Antigua Convention area. The first meeting of the ad hoc EMWG will be near the end of the calendar year in 2023.

**OBJECTIVES OF THE FOURTH WORKSHOP:** According to the workplan ([EMS-01-02](#)), the fourth IATTC EM workshop will address the elements of 1) the technical standards contained in document [EMS-01-01](#) (i.e.

Cameras, Sensors, Data storage, Equipment compatibility, Malfunctions/tampering, Data encryption, Equipment maintenance), which will be expanded in Document EMS-04-01; and, 2) the closely connected EMS Management subcomponent “Priorities in data collection”, which will be expanded in the document EMS-04-02.

**PARTICIPATION:** In addition to the EM technical aspects that must be considered, and in spite of its informal character, the workshop must address several issues of a programmatic and organizational nature. It is therefore important **that all CPCs designate a representative** who will participate in the workshop on their behalf, in addition to the **expert(s) who would accompany him/her**.

**Designated representatives of IGOs and NGOs and the experts** would also be welcome to participate as **observers**.

As usual, a **registration form** is posted on the [meeting website](#) to allow for each CPC representative and accompanying expert to register individually. This registration form can also be used for the designated representatives of IGOs and NGOs. It would be most appreciated if, in addition, each CPC, IGO and NGO interested in participating send the **list** with its respective representative and accompanying expert (s) to Ms Monica Galván, Assistant to the Director, at [mgalvan@iattc.org](mailto:mgalvan@iattc.org).

**ARRANGEMENTS:** The Workshop will be held by videoconference, utilizing the Zoom platform. An invitation to join will be sent individually to each registered participant.

As indicated above, the Workshop will be held on **12, 13 and 14 December 2022**. Each session will have a duration of three hours and will start at **3 PM PST (UTC -8)** to finalize around **6 PM PST (UTC -8)**.

For the convenience of the participants, a document will be posted on the website with more precise indications on the ways the meeting will be conducted, taking into account the special requirements and limitations of videoconferencing, using as a model the similar documents that were used for previous IATTC meetings by videoconference. A **preliminary agenda** is also posted in the [meeting website](#).

Languages: English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.