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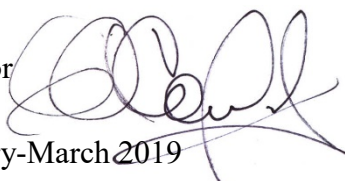
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cc: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia

From: Guillermo Compeán, Director



Re: Technical workshops, January-March 2019

As you no doubt recall, at its meeting in August the Commission considered its [Strategic Science Plan](#), which included not only the staff's [current activities](#), but also other activities that are important for the work of the staff and of the Commission for which funding was requested. This [second group](#) included four technical workshops related to improving the stock assessments of tropical tunas, in particular bigeye. The primary purpose of the workshops is to bring together invited external experts and IATTC staff scientists and address very specific technical aspects of the assessments.

I am pleased to inform you that these workshops will be held here in La Jolla during the first quarter of 2019, as detailed in the table below. The provisional agendas are available on the [IATTC website](#).

Date	Subject
23-25 January	Workshop to evaluate bigeye and yellowfin tuna ageing methodologies and growth models in the Pacific Ocean (Project E.2.b)
28-30 January	Workshop to review the proposed activities of the IATTC Regional Tuna Tagging Program in the eastern Pacific Ocean (under Project E.4.a)
11-15 February	Workshop to improve the longline indices of abundance of bigeye and yellowfin tunas in the eastern Pacific Ocean (under Project H.1.d)
11-15 March	External review of IATTC staff's stock assessment of bigeye tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean (Project T.1.a)

Attendance at the workshops is open to scientists of CPCs. They will be conducted in English only; no interpretation will be provided.

I would be grateful if you would inform Ms. Mónica Galván (mgalvan@iattc.org; fax +1 858 546 7133) at your earliest convenience of the names of scientists who plan to attend any of the three workshops.