

# COMISION INTERAMERICANA DEL ATUN TROPICAL INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMISSION

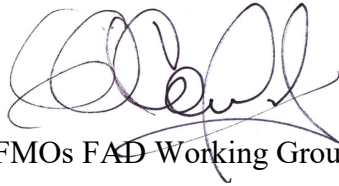
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c.c.: Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia

From: Guillermo Compeán, Director



Re: 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Joint Tuna RFMOs FAD Working Group, San Diego, California, USA, 8-10 May 2019

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I wish to remind you that, as already announced in the IATTC website, the second meeting of the Joint Tuna RFMOs FAD Working Group will be held in San Diego, California, USA, under the chairmanship of Dr. Josu Santiago.

The Group will meet from 8 to 10 May and two representatives (a scientist and a manager) from each Developing Member (of one or several tuna RFMOs) with relevant FAD tuna fisheries shall receive the financial support to attend the meeting using funds provided by the European Union.

For the purpose of making the necessary arrangements, you should contact Ms Monica Galvan at [mgalvan@iattc.org](mailto:mgalvan@iattc.org).

The chair of the Group has requested that the following information be shared with you:

- Format of the meeting: Excepting the session during which the conclusions and recommendations will be discussed and adopted, the meeting will be held in an informal format in order to make the discussion on technical and scientific issues more open and productive.
- Appointed coordinators will lead the different discussion topics of the agenda. Each coordinator or a designated expert will make a “keynote” presentation in addition to providing in advance a summary document highlighting the major issues with a view at preparing and stimulating the discussion. This document should include a list of references covering all t-RFMOs. A list of “focus questions” will also be developed prior to the meeting and in consultations with the identified participants in the working group to facilitate the discussion.
- In relation to documents and presentations, participants are welcome to submit all documents that they would consider relevant. The chair and the leaders of the discussion topics, in consultation with the identified participants in the working group, will determine which documents are to be presented orally and which precise time slot should be allocated for its presentation. Guidelines for the authors of documents will be prepared and provided by 15 March at the latest, as well as an online platform for them to submit abstracts. Deadlines for the submission of these documents will be 31 March for titles and abstracts and 30 April for the full documents.