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To: Commissioners

cc: Bolivia, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia

From: Guillermo Compeán, Director



Luis Fleischer, Chair of the Working Group



Re: 7th Meeting of the Bycatch Working Group, La Jolla, 5-6 May 2017 – agenda and practical arrangements.

On 24 January 2017, you were informed through memorandum Ref. 0031-410 that they were already 36 participants enrolled in the Working Group on Bycatch and that an interactive website (“Basecamp”) had been established to be used by the Working Group and its members. At its 90th Meeting (Resumed), in October 2016, the Commission elected Dr. Luis Fleischer as Chair of the Working Group.

Arrangements have been made for a meeting of the Group to be held in La Jolla, California (USA), on 5 and 6 May 2017, immediately before the annual meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee. These arrangements are detailed below.

It would be most appreciated if interested participants in the Working Group might submit at the earliest concrete proposals for the agenda of the meeting, which could be made, shared and resolved in the “Basecamp” website referred to above.

In this respect, it is convenient to recall that the United States has already proposed several topics for inclusion in the agenda, with special emphasis on the question of sea turtles, in the letter that was circulated among all CPCs through memorandum Ref. 0448-410 dated 6 September 2016.

We thank you in advance for your valuable input in the design of this upcoming meeting.

Regarding the practical arrangements for the meeting, please be informed that it will take place at the Embassy Ballroom, of the Embassy Suites Hotel, located at 4550 La Jolla Village Drive, San Diego, California 92037; (858) 453-0400. The Commission room rate is of **US \$159** (plus applicable state and local taxes) for single or double occupancy.

Please make your reservations directly by email to Megan Gialde megan.gialde@hilton.com, using the attached form. The deadline for booking rooms at this rate is **April 16th, 2017**. It’s recommended that reservations be made as soon as possible.

Registration for the meetings will start at 8:30 a.m., and the sessions will commence at 9:00 a.m.

Any documents available before the meeting will be placed on the [Commission’s website](#).

It would be helpful if you would inform Mrs. Monica Galvan (mgalvan@iattc.org), the names of the persons that will be participating in the meetings.