

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION
COMMITTEE FOR THE REVIEW OF IMPLEMENTATION OF
MEASURES ADOPTED BY THE COMMISSION

11TH MEETING (EXTRAORDINARY)

By videoconference

29-30 March 2021

CHAIR'S REPORT
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The 11th meeting of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission (Review Committee) was held by videoconference on 29-30 March 2021.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by the Chair of the Committee, Mr. David Hogan, of the United States.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The Committee adopted its focused agenda (see above). Following the statements made by several delegations, it was agreed to exclude from the agenda from now on the item “*Identification of Members and Cooperating Non-Members whose implementation of IATTC measures is inadequate, and mechanisms to improve compliance*” and that instead the Committee would only focus on what Resolution [C-11-07](#) stipulates in its paragraphs 7 to 11 regarding actions for the improvement of compliance with IATTC provisions.

3. Approval of the *ad hoc* procedures for holding the 11th meeting (extraordinary) of the Committee by videoconference

It was agreed that the meeting would be held under the *ad hoc* Rules of Procedure approved for the 95th annual meeting of the IATTC and established in Resolution [C-20-01](#).

4. Compliance with IATTC measures in 2019: review of the questionnaires completed by CPCs pursuant to Resolution [C-11-07](#)

The Committee heard presentations from all CPCs present at the meeting, including to expand or clarify their responses to the compliance questionnaire, as well as to provide additional explanation or clarification in relation to the specific cases referred to in the compliance report and in the compendium, and finally, to inform on the follow-up to cases identified and reported in previous years.

5. Recommendations

a. Recommendations for the Secretariat

1. Ensure the consistency between the documents submitted to the Committee, particularly between the compliance report and the compendium.
2. To the extent possible, the material submitted for review by the Committee should be in both English and Spanish.
3. CPCs should be asked in the Questionnaire on Compliance if, as appropriate, they have complied with the provision of Recommendation [C-12-11](#) concerning the notification of which measures conservation and management measures in the IATTC-WCPFC overlap area would be observed by their vessels included in the Registers of both Commissions.
4. That reports on possible infractions concerning shark finning consider that Resolution C-05-03 states in paragraph 4: "*CPCs shall require their vessels to have onboard fins that total no more than 5% of the weight of sharks onboard, up to the first point of landing.*", In the understanding therefore that having less than 5% does not constitute a possible infraction.
5. In reporting the longline observer coverage, percentage should not be rounded up.

b. Recommendations for the Committee

1. The Committee should dedicate the necessary time during its next meetings to explore ways to ensure an appropriate and efficient implementation of paragraphs 5-9 of Resolution [C-11-07](#) regarding actions to improve compliance, for instance through:
 - a) Consider a process of reporting by CPCs of the steps that they plan to take to improve their level of compliance.
 - b) Consider the development of capacity-building activities and any other mean to assist and facilitate compliance.
2. Special attention should be paid by the Committee to all cases initially reported as under investigation, to ensure that information on their conclusion is appropriately provided, through a transparent and systematic follow-up of these cases.

c. Recommendations for the Commission

1. That CPCs should be requested to provide written updates on cases that are investigated or concluded, so that this information may be promptly processed by the Secretariat and submitted to the Committee and to the Commission.
2. That CPCs should be requested to use the forms and format for reporting that have been developed by the Secretariat and endorsed by the Commission, such as for instance the format for submission of FAD data.
3. Follow-up the working conditions of observers, including those embarked on carrier vessels authorized to transship at sea, and urge the respective flag States to take all corrective measures that would be necessary to ensure their health, well-being, and safety.
4. Encourage the taking of all appropriate actions to assist and facilitate compliance by CPCs, including through capacity building or other means.

6. Adjournment

The meeting of the Committee was adjourned on 30 March 2021 at 19:00 PST.