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RE: Announcement of Joint IATTC – WCPFC NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG) intersessional meeting February 2025

Dear Dr. Franco and Ms. Moss-Christian,

The Co-Chairs of the Joint IATTC– WCPFC Northern Committee Working Group on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna (JWG) are pleased to announce an intersessional meeting will be held on 05 through 07 February 2025. The intersessional meeting will be hosted by the United States and the Monterey Bay Aquarium, and will take place in Monterey, California, USA.

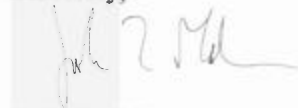
The JWG intersessional meeting will review the latest information and initial results of the Pacific bluefin tuna Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) and consider relevant elements of the long-term harvest strategy ahead of the anticipated final recommendations that will be made at JWG 10 in July 2025.

This intersessional meeting was recommended by the JWG in July 2024 (see Agenda Item 8 within [Chairs' Summary](#) of the 9th Joint IATTC and WCPFC-NC Working Group Meeting on the Management of Pacific bluefin tuna), however announcement of the meeting was pending confirmation from the United States. Support from the United States and the Monterey Bay Aquarium has been confirmed and we appreciate their willingness to host the meeting in Monterey.

Please see the attached information from our hosts with relevant practical arrangements for the JWG intersessional meeting. Members of the JWG, other interested delegations and observers are encouraged to attend this meeting in person. The hosts have arranged a special hotel room block given that other events will also be occurring in the Monterey region over these dates. A virtual Zoom option will be available for those that cannot attend in person.

We would be grateful if you could circulate this announcement to all parties.

Sincerely,



Josh Madeira
Co-Chair for IATTC



Masa Miyahara
Co-Chair for WCPFC