

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES OF THE 36TH INTERGOVERNMENTAL MEETING**

**La Jolla, California, USA**

**June 11, 1998**

The 36th Intergovernmental Meeting (IGM) was held in La Jolla, California, USA, on June 11, 1998.

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Michael F. Tillman, Chairman of the 61st meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), on June 11 at 5:20 p.m. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

**2. Election of Chairman**

Dr. Tillman pointed out that he was the Chairman of the IATTC meeting, not the IGM, and that it was necessary to select a Chairman for the IGM. The delegate from Mexico suggested that Dr. Tillman serve as Chairman for the IGM, and all agreed.

**3. Adoption of Agenda**

The representative of Colombia asked that a discussion of a study of the effects of stress on dolphins recently carried out by the U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), a dolphin abundance survey to be carried out in the near future by the NMFS, and the matter of strengthening the IATTC Convention be included in the IGM. After a brief discussion, it was agreed that these items would be included under Agenda Item 8, and the provisional agenda was adopted without change. This is reproduced as Appendix 2.

**4. Status of Implementation of the International Dolphin Conservation Agreement**

The Chairman pointed out that Dr. James Joseph, Director of the IATTC, had reported on this matter at the IATTC meeting. There was a brief discussion about whether the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP) included provisions for protection of small fish, reduction of bycatches, *etc.*

**5. Per-stock, per-year Dolphin Mortality Cap Allocation System**

Dr. William Hogarth of the United States read parts of the 1997 Annual Report of the International Review Panel (IRP). It was pointed out that the IRP reports to the IGM, rather than to the IATTC. The representative of Mexico proposed that a working group on a per-stock, per-year dolphin mortality cap allocation system, which would report to the IGM, be established. The representative of Japan stated that Japan is not a member of the IDCP, so he was only an observer at the current discussion. It was agreed that such a working group would be established and that it would hold its first meeting on July 6 and 7, 1998. The representative of Spain said

that he hoped that Mexico would provide data for that meeting, and the representative of Mexico said that the data had already assembled and turned over to the IATTC staff.

#### **6. Establishment of a Tuna Tracking and Verification Program**

The Chairman called upon Dr. Hogarth to report on this item, and Dr. Hogarth turned the floor over to Ms. J. Allison Routt, who had been involved with a working group established to make recommendations for such a program. Ms. Routt said that the group had met informally. She said that fish must be tracked both at sea and on land. The Mexican delegation to the working group was working on a flow diagram, but it was not quite complete. It was agreed that trial tracking of fish caught by one purse seiner would be a good test of the system. It was further agreed that the working group would meet during the evening of June 11 and again, independently of the IGM, before the 37th IGM in October 1998.

#### **7. Captain Training and Certification**

The Chairman called upon Dr. Hogarth, who said that Mexico had put forth a good proposal for a working group on this matter. It was agreed that Dr. Joseph would organize the working group and that it would report to the IRP.

#### **8. Other Business**

Dr. Hogarth suggested that two additional working groups be established, one to examine the process of assessments to cover observer costs and the other to discuss special-problem sets. Both of these would report to the IGM. This was approved.

To comply with the amendments made to the U.S. Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, passed on August 15, 1997, the NMFS is required to perform research on (1) the stress on dolphins induced by chasing and encirclement and (2) the abundance of dolphins. Dr. Elizabeth Edwards of the NMFS was to report on the proposed research program, but it turned out that there was not enough time for this. The representative of the United States requested that the presentation of this information be carried forward to the next IGM, and indicated that it would circulate the draft research proposal well before that meeting. In respect to strengthening the IATTC Convention, it was noted that a resolution calling for establishment of a working group to discuss this had been considered at the IATTC meeting and passed by consensus.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

**APPENDIX 1**

**ATTENDEES-ASISTENTES**

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### AGENDA

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