INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

MINUTES OF THE 67TH MEETING

La Jolla, California, USA October 26, 2000

AGENDA

- 1. Opening of the meeting
- 2. Adoption of the agenda
- 3. Review of the recommendations of the Permanent Working Group on Fleet Capacity
- 4. Other business
- 5. Adjournment

APPENDICES

1. List of attendees

The 67th Meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) was held in La Jolla, California (USA), on October 26, 2000. Representatives of the member governments of Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, France, Guatemala, Japan, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, the United States, Vanuatu, and Venezuela attended, as did observers from Colombia, the European Union, Peru, Spain, the Humane Society of the United States, and the Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Robin Allen, Director of the IATTC, on October 26, 2000 at 10:00 p.m. He called for nominations for Chairman, since the current Chairman of the IATTC, Ambassador Jean-François Pulvenis, was not able to attend the meeting. The United States was elected to chair the meeting.

2. Adoption of the agenda

Mexico requested that the status of the yellowfin resource be discussed, and Japan requested that the issue of management measures for bigeye tuna for 2001 be included in the agenda.

Ecuador and France objected to any formal discussion of these proposed agenda items, since the delegations had not come prepared to discuss them.

3. Review of the recommendations of the Permanent Working Group on Fleet Capacity

The Working Group on Fleet Capacity had no recommendations to present to the meeting, since it had reached no agreement at its 5th Meeting, held on October 25-26, 2000.

4. Other business

Dr. Allen presented an informal report of the Scientific Working Group's review of the status of bigeye

tuna in the eastern Pacific Ocean, held on October 23-24, 2000, and a summary of the results of the scientific review of the methods for estimating dolphin abundance, held on October 19-20, 2000.

Dr. Allen made an informal presentation on the catches of yellowfin in the eastern Pacific Ocean in 2000 to date.

Spain expressed its gratitude to all the member countries that had approved its adherence to the IATTC Convention, and asked that the one member which had not yet approved its request do so as soon as possible.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 11:00 p.m. on October 26, 2000.

Appendix 1.

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67^a REUNION – 67TH MEETING

26 de octubre de 2000- October 26, 2000 La Jolla, California

ASISTENTES - ATTENDEES

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