

FINAL DRAFT

INTERNATIONAL REVIEW PANEL

MINUTES OF THE 17<sup>TH</sup> MEETING

February 7, 1998

La Jolla, California, USA

The 17<sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Review Panel (IRP) was held in La Jolla, California, USA, on February 7, 1998. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

**1. and 2. Opening of meeting and Election of President**

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 a.m. Ambassador Jean-François Pulvenis of Venezuela was elected President.

**3. Approval of the agenda**

The provisional agenda (Appendix 2) was approved without changes.

**4. Approval of minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IRP**

The minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Panel were approved as presented.

**5. Dolphin Mortality Limits (DMLs):**

**a) Review of 1997 DMLs**

The total mortality of dolphins in the fishery in 1996 was 2,547 animals, and was expected to be about 3,000 in 1997. The increase was due to a greater number of sets on dolphins, about 8,800 in 1997. The overall DML for 1997 was 7,500 dolphins, and the full-year DML for individual vessels was 94. Second-semester DMLs of 47 dolphins had been allocated to 9 vessels. The preliminary estimate of average mortality was 42.5 dolphins for vessels which utilized their full-year DMLs, and 19.4 for those with second-semester DMLs. Three vessels exceeded their full-year DMLs during the year, and one vessel its second-semester DML.

**b) Review of 1998 DMLs**

DML applications for 98 vessels had been received for 1998; they had each been assigned a DML of 66 animals from the overall DML of 6,500.

**6. Review of observer data**

The Secretariat presented data reported by IATTC observers regarding possible infractions committed since the IRP's last meeting, and the Panel decided which of these would be reported to the respective governments. The question of the use of divers during dolphin rescue operations was discussed. It was decided that the staff should review observer reports for comments about the activities of divers and report back to the next meeting.

**7. Confidentiality of information on the names of vessels and their accompanying DMLs**

Due to absence of the representatives of Ecuador and the tuna industry, the Panel decided to postpone the discussion of this item until the following meeting. In the meantime the current rules and practices of confidentiality would continue. The Panel noted that under the new Agreement a new rule of confidentiality would have to be drawn up.

**8. Date and place of next meeting**

The Panel decided to hold its next meeting in conjunction with the IATTC meeting scheduled for June 9-11, 1998.

**9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

**Appendix 1.**

**PANEL INTERNACIONAL DE REVISION  
INTERNATIONAL REVIEW PANEL**

**17ª REUNION – 17<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

**La Jolla, California**

**7 de febrero de 1998– February 7, 1998**

**ASISTENTES - ATTENDEES**

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Ministerio de Agricultura y Desarrollo Rural

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**JORGE CAMPOS MOSQUERA**  
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INCOPECA

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**ANTONIO DIAZ DE LEON**  
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**RICARDO BELMONTES**  
SEMARNAP

**GUILLERMO PEREDO RIVERA**  
SECOFI  
**LUIS FUEYO MAC DONALD**

**VICTOR RAMIREZ NAVARRO**  
**ANTONIO SANDOVAL SANCHEZ**  
**ANTONIO IBARRA CERECER**  
PROFEPA

**JOSE VELASQUEZ**

**PANAMA**

**ARNULFO FRANCO**  
Min. de Comercio e Industrias

**UNITED STATES**

**WILLIAM HOGARTH**  
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**WANDA CAIN**  
National Marine Fisheries Service

**JUDSON FEDER**  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**VANUATU**

**ANTHONY TILLET**

**VENEZUELA**

**JEAN-FRANÇOIS PULVENIS**  
Ministerio de Relaciones Exteriores

**HUGO ALSINA LAGOS**  
Ministerio de Agricultura y Cría

**ZAYMAR VARGAS ABRAHAM**  
Ministerio de Comercio Exterior

**RAUL ROMERO**  
**DOMENICO PINTO**

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Center of Marine Conservation

**HÉCTOR LÓPEZ**  
Fundación para la Defensa de la Naturaleza (FUDENA)

**KATHLEEN O'CONNELL**  
Whale and Dolphin Conservation Society

**INDUSTRIA ATUNERA-TUNA INDUSTRY**

**JAIME BASADRE**  
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**ALFONSO ROSIÑOL**  
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**Appendix 2.**

**INTERNATIONAL REVIEW PANEL**

**17<sup>th</sup> MEETING**

February 7, 1998

La Jolla, California, USA

**AGENDA**

1. Opening of meeting
2. Election of Presider
3. Approval of agenda
4. Approval of minutes of the 16<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the IRP
5. Dolphin Mortality Limits (DMLs):
  - a) Review of 1997 DMLs
  - b) Review of 1998 DMLs
6. Review of observer data
7. Confidentiality of information on the names of vessels and their accompanying DMLs
8. Place and date of next meeting
9. Other business
10. Adjournment