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CHAIR'S TEXT

ESTABLISHMENT OF AN *AD HOC* WORKING GROUP ON
ELECTRONIC MONITORING (EMSWG)

The Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), gathered in Phoenix, Arizona, USA, on the occasion of its 100th meeting:

Acknowledging the recommendation adopted by its Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) at its 13th meeting that an electronic monitoring working group be established in parallel with the workshops on the implementation of an electronic monitoring system (EMS) in the Antigua Convention area, whose terms of reference were defined in Resolution C-21-02,

Agrees:

~~1. To establish the Ad Hoc Working Group on Electronic Monitoring (EMWG).~~

1. In January 2023, the Secretariat will circulate a solicitation for a Chair of an Ad Hoc Working Group on Electronic Monitoring (EMWG or EM Working Group), to be established in accordance with paragraph 3 of this Resolution.

2. The IATTC Secretariat shall designate an interim IATTC staff person that could serve as a point of contact with the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) to collaborate with them on the EM Working Group in the WCPFC until the Chair of the EM Working Group is appointed.

3. Ad Hoc Working Group on Electronic Monitoring will be established in 2023. The EM Working Group will initiate its work by holding its first meeting after the 101st annual meeting of the IATTC, near the end of the calendar year in 2023.

4. The EM Working Group shall have the following functions:

- a. review the outcomes of the EM workshops ~~and the additional inputs provided by the SAC and advise the~~ to identify recommendations for the EMWG, in coordination with the scientific staff and the SAC, to make recommendations to the Commission on all issues related to the EMS workplan and its implementation
- b. enhance communication and foster mutual understanding on matters related to EM between CPCs as well as between relevant stakeholders;
- c. perform such other functions as the Commission may direct.

6.5. The EMWG shall meet at least once a year, ~~preferably~~ on the occasion of the ordinary meeting of the Commission.

7.6. The EMWG may convene additional meetings in a virtual format at the request of at least two (2) of the members of the Commission ~~provided that a majority of the members support the request~~ and supported by members in consensus.

8.7. The EMWG shall exercise its functions in accordance with the IATTC Rules of Procedure and any specific guideline or directive as the Commission may adopt.