

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

SCIENTIFIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE

17TH MEETING

La Jolla, California (USA)
08-12 June 2026

PROVISIONAL AGENDA – ANNOTATED VERSION

| | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY |
|-----------|--|--|--|---|--|
| Morning | Tropical Tuna - Talks on Stock Assessment and Recommendations for Management | Harvest Strategies of Tropical Tuna - Talks on MSE/HS and Recommendations for Management | Temperate Tuna and Other Species - Talks on Stock Assessment MSE/HS and Recommendations for Management | Ecosystem and Bycatch - Talks and Recommendations | Staff recommendations, Other business, Discussion -SAC Recommendations |
| Lunch | | | | | |
| Afternoon | Discussion session 1 | Discussion session 2 | Discussion session 3 | Discussion session 4 | Discussion - SAC Recommendations |

Documents

Monday 08 June

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| 9:00 am | 1. Opening of the meeting | |
| 9:15 am | 2. Adoption of the agenda | |
| | 3. The fishery in the EPO | |
| 9:30 am | a. The tuna fishery in 2025 | SAC-17-01 |
| | 4. Tropical tunas: stock assessments and data collection | |
| 10:00 am | a. Stock status indicators (SSIs) | SAC-17-02 |
| 10:30-10:45 am | Coffee break | |
| 10:45 am | b. Bigeye (BET) update assessment | SAC-17-03 |
| 11:15 am | c. IATTC Tropical Tuna Tagging Program: proposed collaborative work-plan | SAC-17 INF-F |
| 11:45 am | d. Development and implementation of the IPSP: update | SAC-17-04 |
| 12:30-2:00 pm | Lunch break | |
| 2:00 pm | Discussion session 1* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations | |
| 4:00-4:15 pm | Coffee break | |
| 4:15 pm | Discussion session 1* (cont.) | |

*** The items below can be included in Discussion session 1 upon request by the SAC¹:**

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| i. Enhanced monitoring program (EMP): 2025 report | SAC-17 INF-G |
| ii. Review of previous SAC recommendations | SAC-17 INF-D |
| iii. Longline observer program reports | SAC-17 INF-B |
| iv. Transshipment report | SAC-17 INF-C |

¹ The agenda for the SAC-17 meeting has been structured considering the priority issues in 2026 and the inclusion of ample space for discussion at the request of the SAC. One or more of the following topics may be presented at the request of the SAC if time allows.

5:30 pm Closure

Tuesday 09 June

9:00 am 5. Tropical tuna: development of harvest strategies
a. BET Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) SAC-17-05

10:30-10:45 am Coffee break

10:45 am b. BET harvest strategy: staff's proposal SAC-17-06

11:45 am c. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: tropical tunas SAC-17-10

12:30-2:00 pm Lunch break

2:00 pm **Discussion session 2* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations**

4:00-4:15 pm Coffee break

4:15 pm **Discussion session 2* (cont.)**

5:30 pm Closure

Wednesday 10 June

9:00 am 6. FADs
a. Report of the FAD WG

7. Temperate tunas and other species
a. Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF):

10:00 am i. Harvest strategy development (ISC and IATTC-WCPFC-NC Joint WG) SAC-17 INF-H

10:30-10:45 am Coffee break

10:45 am b. North Pacific albacore tuna (NP-ALB): Benchmark stock assessment (ISC) SAC-17 INF-I

11:15 am c. South Pacific albacore tuna (SP-ALB): IATTC-WCPFC Joint WG update

11:45 am d. Dorado: update on collaborative research SAC-17 INF-J

12:30-2:00 pm Lunch break

2:00 pm Staff recommendations for conservation and management: temperate tunas and other species SAC-17-10

2:30 pm **Discussion session 3* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations**

4:00-4:15 pm Coffee break

4:15 pm **Discussion session 3* (cont.)**

*** The Items below can be included in Discussion session 3 upon request by the SAC:**

i. FAD indicators FAD-10-01

ii. Lifespan dynamics of biodegradable and conventional FADs: an expanded analysis FAD-10-02

iii. Evaluation of FAD components in relation to certification standards for biobased materials FAD-10-03

iv. Options for marking FADs FAD-10-04

v. Any of the documents mentioned above for sessions 1 and 2

5:30 pm Closure

Dorado 11 June

Commented [JL1]: See my comments on the abbreviated version before synchronizing this document. A few key docs are missing in response to C-25-08 or last years SAC/EBWG recommendations

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| | 8. Ecosystem and bycatch | |
| | a. Sharks and rays | |
| 9:00 am | i. Characterization of longline fleets in the Convention Area | SAC-17-07 |
| 9:30 am | ii. Guidelines for best handling and release practices for sharks: update | SAC-17-08 |
| 10:00 am | i. Proposed shark research plan for the IATTC: follow-up on paragraph 16 of C-25-08 | SAC-17-09 |
| 10:30-10:45 am | Coffee break | |
| 10:45 am | b. Dolphins: research update | SAC-17 INF-L |
| | c. Climate change | |
| 11:00 am | i. Report on 2 nd Workshop on climate change | |
| 11:15 am | d. IATTC Achotines Laboratory: discussion on future activities | SAC-17 INF-N |
| 11:45 am | e. Staff recommendations for conservation and management: ecosystem and bycatch | SAC-17-10 |
| 12:15 pm | f. Report of the Ecosystem and Bycatch WG | |
| 12:30-2:00 pm | Lunch break | |
| 2:00 pm | Discussion session 4* – additional Q&A, follow-up on SAC requests to the staff during the meeting, SAC recommendations | |
| | * The items below can be included in Discussion session 4 upon request by the SAC: | |
| | i. Pilot study for lifting sharks | SAC-17 INF-K |
| | ii. Ecosystem considerations report | EB-04-01 |
| | iii. Seabird distribution overlap with longline fisheries | EB-04-02 |
| | iv. Criteria for delineating ecoregions and indicators in support of EAFM operationalization | EB-04-03 |
| | v. Best handling and release practices for sea turtles: update | EB-04-04 |
| | vi. Best handling and release practices for seabirds: update | EB-04-05 |
| | vii. Any of the documents mentioned above for sessions 1, 2 and 3 | |
| 5:30 pm | Closure | |
| Friday 12 June | | |
| 9:00 am | 9. Staff recommendations | SAC-17-10 |
| 9:30 am | 10. Other business | |
| 10:30-10:45 am | Coffee break | |
| 10:45 am | 11. SAC recommendations | |
| 12:30-2 pm | Lunch break | |
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| 5:30 pm | 12. Meeting adjournment | |