

**INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM**  
**PERMANENT WORKING GROUP ON TUNA TRACKING**

**24<sup>TH</sup> MEETING**

**La Jolla, California (USA)**  
**25 October 2007**

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING**

**AGENDA**

	Documents
1. Opening of the meeting	
2. Adoption of the agenda	
3. Approval of minutes of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> meeting	
4. Review of the implementation of the <a href="#">dolphin safe certification system</a>	TT-24-04
5. Denial of dolphin-safe certificates for contravention of IATTC conservation and management measures	<a href="#">TT-23-05</a>
6. Other business	
7. Recommendations for the IRP	
8. Place and date of next meeting	
9. Adjournment	

The 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Tuna Tracking was held in La Jolla, California (USA), on 25 October 2007. The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

**1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was opened by Ms. Sonia Salaverría of El Salvador, Chair of the Working Group.

**2. Adoption of the agenda**

The provisional agenda was adopted without modification.

**3. Approval of minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting**

The minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, previously circulated by the Secretariat, were approved as presented.

**4. Review of the implementation of the dolphin safe certification system**

Mr. Ernesto Altamirano, of the Secretariat, presented Document TT-24-04, *Matters related to the Tuna Tracking and Dolphin-Safe Certification programs*. He observed that, since January 2006, only six certificates had been issued, and that it was lamentable that the Parties issued so few certificates, especially considering the effort that had been made to develop the system. He also noted that the yield conversion factors are not useful for detecting non-dolphin safe tuna that might be being incorporated in the certificates.

**5. Denial of dolphin-safe certificates for contravention of IATTC conservation and management measures**

Dr. Compeán, Director of the IATTC, presented Document TT-23-05, the discussion of which the Parties

had agreed to postpone until the present meeting, indicating that it attempted to specify what was indicated in paragraph 2.2.g of the [\*Procedures for the Certification of AIDCP Dolphin Safe Tuna\*](#). He explained that there is a relationship between the AIDCP and the IATTC, acknowledged by the Meeting of the Parties, and that the intention was to identify which the management measures were that are referred to in the Procedures.

Colombia commented that the AIDCP and the IATTC are different instruments, and that this point needed to be taken into account. The European Union indicated that the paragraph refers to tuna conservation, and thus all tuna conservation measures were relevant. The United States noted that such measures included matters related to the IATTC Regional Vessel Register, and suggested that, instead of amending the Procedures, a clarification about the scope of paragraph 2.2.g could be recorded in the minutes.

The modification proposed in the document was not approved, but the meeting recognized that the Secretariat should use its judgment in implementing paragraph 2.2, and could seek further guidance from the Parties if appropriate.

#### **6. Recommendations for the IRP**

There were no recommendations for the International Review Panel.

#### **7. Other business**

There was no other business.

#### **8. Place and date of next meeting**

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held in June 2008, in conjunction with the meetings of the AIDCP.

#### **9. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 10.00 a.m. on 25 October 2007.

## Appendix 1.

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