

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

EXTERNAL REVIEW OF IATTC BIGEYE TUNA ASSESSMENT

La Jolla, California (USA)
3-7 May 2010

WORK SCHEDULE AND AGENDA

WORKING SCHEDULE:

Monday - Thursday:

9:00 a.m. - noon	Presentations and questions
noon – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch; review team meets <i>in camera</i> to discuss morning results
1:00 - 3:30 p.m.	Presentations and questions
3:30 - 5:00 p.m.	Review team meets <i>in camera</i> to review findings

Friday: review team meets *in camera* to draft report.

Document [BET-01-01](#), Summary of topics to be discussed

DAILY AGENDA:

SESSION 1, Monday morning:

Data issues. What data are available to the Commission staff for bigeye tuna stock assessment? Which data are used? How do these data enter into the stock assessment process? Indices of abundance, size and age distributions, tagging data, oceanographic data; Document [BET-01-07](#)

SESSION 2, Monday afternoon:

Growth issues. Alternative growth models, variance of length at age; Document [BET-01-03](#)

SESSION 3, Tuesday morning:

Spatial issues. Size at age, selectivity, movement and mortality, variability in CPUE trends; Documents [BET-01-02a](#) and [BET-01-02b](#)

SESSION 4, Tuesday afternoon:

Stock and recruitment. Effects of growth of surface fishery on recruitment estimates; Document [BET-01-06](#)

SESSION 5, Wednesday morning:

Changes with time. Catchability and selectivity, evolution of effort, expansion of fishing grounds; Documents [BET-01-04](#) and [BET-01-05](#)

SESSION 6, Wednesday afternoon:

Assessment methods. Current method, model improvement, biological research to reduce model specification errors, environmental covariates, ...

SESSION 7, Thursday morning:

Issues arising from sessions 1-6.

SESSION 8, Thursday afternoon:

Public comment.