

**MINUTES OF THE 56th (SPECIAL) MEETING OF THE
INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

**Panama City, Panama
October 3, 1995**

Agenda Item 1 - Opening of the meeting

The 56th Meeting of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) was called to order by the Chairman, Lic. Nitzia R. de Villarreal, Minister of Commerce and Industry of Panama. She asked the attendees (listed in Appendix 1) to introduce themselves. Representatives from all member governments of the IATTC except Nicaragua were present.

Agenda Item 2 - Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted unchanged (Appendix 2).

Agenda Item 3 - Review of the 1995 fishing year to date

Dr. Joseph reviewed the fishery in 1995 to date. The total capacity of vessels at sea in 1995 has been slightly greater than in 1994 and markedly greater than in 1993. Water temperatures in the eastern Pacific Ocean have returned to normal after several years of elevated values, and as a result the fishery in 1995 was not dispersed as far away from the equator as in previous years. At last year's meeting some representatives had expressed concern about the decline in the catch per unit of effort, but in 1995 this was higher than in either 1993 or 1994.

Turning to bigeye tuna, Dr. Joseph noted that in 1994 the surface fishery had taken 31,000 tons, and that in 1995 to date the catch of this species was greater than that in the same period in 1994. Dr. Joseph noted the need to continue monitoring these catches closely because of the potential conflict of interest with the longline fishery.

Agenda Item 4 - Review of the International Dolphin Conservation Program to date

Dr. Joseph reviewed the history of dolphin mortality in the fishery, and the IATTC's work in relation to it. He noted that the 1999 goal of reducing the mortality to less than 5,000 animals had been achieved in the first year of the program. Dr. Hall compared the recent mortality rates to estimates of population size and reproductive rates, and described the IATTC staff's involvement in efforts to understand and resolve the issue of bycatch other than dolphins.

In response to a question, Dr. Hall noted that the mortality to date in 1995 was about 5% lower than in the corresponding period in 1994, but cautioned against projecting this improvement forward for the whole year.

Agenda Item 5 - Other Business

The representatives of Ecuador announced their nation's intention of rejoining the IATTC. The representative of Mexico said that his country was also interested in rejoining.

Dr. Joseph advised the meeting of the difficulties arising from vessels changing flag and being for a while simultaneously registered under both the old and the new flag. This raised problems of knowing which country to notify of questions concerning the vessels.

Agenda Item 6 - Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

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COMISION INTERAMERICANA DEL ATUN TROPICAL

56TH MEETING - 56ª REUNION

Panama City, Panama -- Ciudad de Panamá, Panamá
October 3-4, 1995 --- 3 y 4 de octubre de 1995

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Appendix 2

56th MEETING (SPECIAL) OF THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

October 3, 1995

Panamá City, Panamá

AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of agenda
3. Review of the 1995 fishing year to date
4. Review of the International Dolphin Conservation Program to date
5. Other business
6. Adjournment

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