

AGREEMENT ON THE INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM

16TH MEETING OF THE PARTIES

Del Mar, California
26 October 2006

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

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1. Opening of meeting

The meeting was opened on 26 October 2006 by Dr. Robin Allen, Director of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), which serves as the Secretariat to the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP). The attendees are listed in Appendix 1.

2. Election of Chairman

Mr. David Hogan of the United States was elected to chair the meeting.

3. Adoption of Agenda

The provisional agenda was approved as presented.

4. Approval of minutes of 15th Meeting of the Parties

The minutes of the 15th meeting were approved following several requests for modification.

Dr. Allen noted that there was an error in the AIDCP document entitled *Procedures for Maintaining the AIDCP List of qualified Captains*, namely, that the reference in the penultimate sentence of Section 5 should be to **paragraph 4.1.e** instead of **section 4.1.5**.

He also noted that the the minutes of the 11th Meeting of the Parties should be modified to reflect that “five of eight” IRP recommendations, not “six of eight”, had been agreed, and that the recommendation from the IRP to amend the *Procedures for Maintaining the AIDCP List of Qualified Captains* had been modified by the Parties.

The meeting agreed that these corrections should be made, and that all AIDCP records should be modified to reflect the agreement of the 11th Meeting of the Parties on this matter.

5. AIDCP budget

Dr. Allen presented the salient information contained in Document MOP-16-05 regarding the AIDCP budget. This document presents the forecast expenditure and revenue for 2006 compared to that presented to the 15th Meeting of the Parties in June 2006.

The 2005 Resolution on financing the AIDCP ([A-05-01](#)) raised the vessel assessment rate for 2006 from US\$ 12.552 to US\$ 14.184 per cubic meter of well volume; it also provided that the assessments of those vessels whose well volume had been verified should be based on that verified well volume rather than the estimated well volume, which was generally larger. An additional measure to balance the AIDCP budget was taken in the 2006 Resolution on financing the AIDCP ([A-06-01](#)) by immediately raising the rate from US\$ 14.184 to US\$ 14.95/m³.

The information presented showed the predicted costs and revenues for 2006, and estimates updated through 31 August 2006. 2006 revenue is based on actual assessments paid by vessels covered by the AIDCP (over 363 t capacity) and small vessels, plus surcharges both paid and outstanding as of 31 August 2006.

Dr. Allen commented on the observation in the document that the current forecast projects a deficit of US\$ 61,205 for 2006, with a total anticipated accumulated deficit at the end of 2006 of US\$ 516,654.

Dr. Allen noted that the 15th Meeting of the Parties did not reach a decision on a recommendation by the Secretariat that the income from charges for small and inactive vessels and late payment fees remain with the Secretariat and no longer be included as part of the amount reimbursed to the national programs. In 2006, this would have resulted in retaining approximately US \$50,000, thus converting the current year's anticipated deficit into a surplus of about US\$ 37,000.

The meeting agreed that all fees for late payments and inactive vessels would be retained by the Secretariat, and that this policy would apply to those fees not yet paid for 2007, and would continue so long as there was a deficit in the program. This agreement was recorded in writing (Appendix 2); it also clarifies that vessels entering the fishery during the course of a year that did not fish in the Agreement Area during the previous year are not required to pay the surcharge of 10% of the assessment for late payment, regardless of their date of entry to the fishery.

6. Report of the International Review Panel

The Presider of the 42nd meeting of the IRP presented his report to the Parties. In particular, he noted that the Panel was transmitting to the Parties a list of 104 vessels that had requested full-year DMLs for 2007 and that the Panel determined were qualified to receive them.

7. Technical correction to Annex IV.I.8 of the AIDCP

Dr. Allen presented Document MOP-16-07, which described an incorrect reference in the AIDCP that needed correction, and which would involve deleting some words in Annex IV.I.8 of the Agreement. The Parties agreed to make this correction, which was not considered to be an amendment of the AIDCP.

8. Other business

There was no other business

9. Place and date of next meeting

It was decided that the next Meeting of the Parties would be held on 20 June 2007, at a venue to be decided.

10. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned on 26 October 2006.

Appendix 1.

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Appendix 2.

EXTRACT OF MINUTES

AGENDA ITEM 5. AIDCP BUDGET

1. RECOMMENDATION REGARDING ALLOCATION OF REVENUE

1. As of 26 October 2006, all charges for inactive vessels and late payment fees established in Resolution A-03-01 will be retained by the Secretariat.
2. This arrangement will be reviewed once the IDCP is no longer in deficit.

2. CLARIFICATION REGARDING NEW VESSELS AND SURCHARGES FOR LATE PAYMENTS

Vessels entering the fishery during the course of a year that did not fish in the Agreement Area during the previous year are not required to pay the surcharge of 10% of the assessment for late payment, regardless of their date of entry to the fishery.