INTERNATIONAL DOLPHIN CONSERVATION PROGRAM WORKING GROUP TO PROMOTE AND PUBLICIZE THE AIDCP DOLPHIN-SAFE TUNA CERTIFICATION SYSTEM

31ST MEETING 21 October 2019 La Jolla, California

REPORT OF THE MEETING

AGENDA



The 31st Meeting of the Working Group to Promote and Publicize the AIDCP Dolphin-Safe Tuna Certification System was held in La Jolla, California, on 21 October 2019. The list of attendees can be found in Appendix 1.

1. Opening of the meeting

The meeting was opened by Mr. Bernal Chavarría, of Honduras, who thanked the participants for their trust in him to chair the meeting of the Working Group.

2. Adoption of the agenda

The provisional agenda was adopted without changes.

3. Approval of the minutes of the 30th meeting

The minutes of the 30th Meeting of the Working Group were approved without changes.

4. Actions to promote AIDCP dolphin-safe tuna

The Chair recalled that, during the 30th meeting, a preliminary proposal was discussed regarding the use of social media, particularly Facebook and Twitter, to facilitate a better interpersonal dialogue without barriers in order to increase the publicity of the Agreement and give visibility to the actions carried out under this Agreement, especially regarding the reduction of incidental dolphin mortality. At that time, it was noted that it was necessary to go deeper into key aspects such as the budget and who would decide on the information to be published, which are essential before adopting a decision on the proposal. It was noted that the subject would be discussed again when the proposer (Guatemala) provides this information. However, this document was not available, and the group will therefore

await the duly submission of this information for its discussion. No new proposals of actions to promote AIDCP dolphin-safe tuna were discussed.

5. Recommendations to the Meeting of the Parties

The Working Group had no recommendations for the Meeting of the Parties to the AIDCP.

6. Other business

No other business was raised to be discussed by the Working Group.

7. Date and place of next meeting

The next meeting of the Working Group will be held on the dates that are agreed for the meetings of the AIDCP in the second half of 2020.

8. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 on 21 October 2019.