

COMISION INTERAMERICANA DEL ATUN TROPICAL (CIAT) INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION (IATTC)

MEMORANDUM

8 May 2021
Ref.: 0187-410

Para: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation

c.c.; Bolivia, Chile, Honduras, Indonesia and Liberia

De: Alfonso Miranda, Chair

Re: 97th meeting (extraordinary) or the Commission by videoconference (7-10 June 2021) –
Convening and *ad hoc* Rules of Procedure

This memorandum is to remind you that, in accordance with the decision taken at the last meeting of the Commission and as duly informed through publication on the IATTC website, an extraordinary meeting will be held by videoconference from **Monday 7 June to Thursday 10 June**, from **7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.** time of San Diego, California, United States of America.

In the absence of procedural rules in force for holding meetings by videoconference, I propose once again that the same ad-hoc procedural rules that served to hold the 95th meeting of the Commission (see Resolution [C-20-01](#)), be approved at the beginning of the meeting hereby convened, which will ensure the proper conduct of the meeting.

In view of the very short time between the meeting of the Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) and the extraordinary meeting, I consider it essential to set aside the deadlines indicated in the ordinary Rules of Procedure, paragraph 15, and consider it more prudent and appropriate to set May 30 as the deadline for the presentation of proposals.

As you will recall, it was agreed that this extraordinary meeting would be dedicated exclusively to reviewing and strengthening the measures that were adopted at the 96th extraordinary meeting held on 22 December and to discuss the conservation and management measures for tropical tunas from 2022 onwards.

I am attaching the proposed Agenda for the meeting whose text is strictly in accordance with what was thus agreed.

Finally, I wish to reiterate what I had already expressed on the occasion of convening the 96th extraordinary meeting of the Commission. At times like these, when our fisheries demand commitments and consensus to adopt the conservation and management measures that the Antigua Convention calls for and when civil society throughout the world is closely observing our work and the level of performance of our organization and other RFMOs, I need the support and understanding of the Members in order to work effectively and efficiently. I therefore invite you once again to initiate or continue the consultations necessary to ensure that the extraordinary meeting can be the optimal space and time to achieve and formalize the agreements that we hope for, based on those commitments and consensus among the Members, which will also allow us to

strengthen our work and consolidate the strength of the IATTC and the fisheries under our responsibility.

Annex: as indicated. -

Anexo:

INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

97TH MEETING (EXTRAORDINARY)

(by videoconference)

7-10 June 2021

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

1. Opening of the meeting*
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Additional conservation and management measures for tropical tunas:
 - a. Information and recommendations of the scientific staff
 - b. Report and recommendations of the Scientific Advisory Committee
 - c. Consideration of additional conservation and management measures.
4. Discussion of resolutions and recommendations
5. Adjournment

* Including the adoption of ad hoc rules and arrangements for the 97th meeting (extraordinary) only.