

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

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## MEMORANDUM

27 September 2021

Ref.: 0358-410

Para: Commissioners and Heads of Delegation

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

De: Alfonso Miranda, Chair



Re: 98<sup>th</sup> meeting (resumed) of the Commission by videoconference (18-22 October 2021)

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In this memorandum, I wish to refer to the **98th meeting (resumed)** of the Commission to be held by videoconference from **18 to 22 October 2021**, of the new dates that we have agreed at our August meeting.

As already announced on the Commission's website, during the previous week, from 13 to 15 October, AIDCP meetings will be held, as well as the 12<sup>th</sup> meeting (resumed) of the Compliance Committee.

As we have discussed, to ensure an equitable treatment among all participants located in the time zones that are the farthest away from San Diego and considering the hours that were selected for the August meetings, **all those meetings from 13 to 22 October will start at 8:00 a.m. PDT**, San Diego time.

We have not been able to achieve our objective in August to take a decision on the conservation and management measures for tropical tunas. As you are aware, for temperate tunas, we have partially achieved it, but the adoption of a very important resolution on the conservation and management of bluefin tuna is still pending.

I need not stress how critical it is that, prior to the resumed 98th meeting, a consensus be reached on conservation and management measures for tropical tunas that would be acceptable to all and to which all would feel committed. I know that great efforts are being made to achieve this outcome, particularly through informal consultations and discussions among interested parties. In this regard, I would like to reiterate once again my full readiness, as well as that of the Director and the staff of the Commission, to fully support this process.

The need to formalize any decision regarding tropical and temperate tunas during the 98th meeting (resumed) has necessitated a small adjustment to the provisional agenda, with the addition of a new item. I hope that the time to be devoted to this item will be as short as possible, given the importance and number of the other items and matters that the Commission will also have to consider.

For your convenience, please find attached this revised provisional agenda, which was already posted several days ago on the Commission's website (see Annex 1).

**Annex:** as indicated. -

**Annex 1:**

**INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION**

**98<sup>TH</sup> MEETING  
(RESUMED)**

*(by videoconference)*  
**18-22 October 2021**

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA (REV.)**

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Adoption of the agenda
3. Reports of subsidiary bodies and working groups:
  - a. 5<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Ad Hoc Working Group on FADs
  - b. 8<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Committee on Administration and Finance
  - c. 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Meetings of the Committee for the Review of Implementation of Measures Adopted by the Commission
  - d. 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Permanent Working Group on Fleet Capacity:
    - i. Report of the consultant on a fleet capacity management plan and associated measures
4. Observer program for transshipments at sea
5. Discussion of resolutions and recommendations
  - a. Conservation and management of tropical and temperate tunas
  - b. Others
6. Other business
7. Place and date of next meeting
8. Closure