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## INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

### 1<sup>st</sup> WORKSHOP ON IMPLEMENTATION OF AN ELECTRONIC MONITORING SYSTEM FOR TUNA FISHERIES IN THE EASTERN PACIFIC OCEAN

By videoconference  
22-23 April 2021

## ANNOUNCEMENT

The IATTC acknowledged that electronic monitoring (EM) is a promising tool for improving data collection for scientific research and monitoring of longline vessels and purse-seine vessels that do not carry on-board observers, as well as for vessels with observers on board, as a means to complement the observer's data-collection. Accordingly, the Scientific Advisory Committee during its 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in 2019 (SAC-10), and pursuant to paragraphs 9 and 10 of Resolution [C-19-08](#), requested the IATTC staff to draft minimum standards and data collection and reporting requirements for electronic monitoring (EM) for both the tuna purse-seine and the longline fleets operating in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO), to be presented for consideration to the Commission. In 2020, the staff prepared the document [SAC-11-10](#) "*An electronic monitoring system for the tuna fisheries in the eastern Pacific Ocean: objectives and standards*". This document was presented at the 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SAC in October 2020. However, because the meeting was held by videoconference, it was not possible for members to provide at the time appropriate feedback. Likewise, it was proposed that a workshop be held in 2021 to further discuss some of the elements contained in document SAC-11-10, as well as a workplan for the implementation of EMS in the EPO ([EMS-01-02](#)).

**OBJECTIVES:** The first IATTC EM workshop will address two objectives: 1) to further discuss some of the elements contained in document [SAC-11-10](#) (focusing on the staff's recommendations for different EM components and most immediate actions to be taken by the Commission), which are now summarized and presented in Document [EMS-01-01](#); and 2) to discuss a workplan for the implementation of an EMS in the EPO ([EMS-01-02](#)).

**PARTICIPATION:** In addition to the EM technical aspects that must be considered, and in spite of its informal character, the workshop must address several issues of a programmatic and organizational nature. It is therefore important **that all CPCs designate a representative** who will participate in the workshop on their behalf, in addition to the **experts who would accompany him/her**.

It is also understood that **designated representatives of IGOs and NGOs** would be welcome to participate as **observers**.

As usual, a **registration form** will be posted on the meeting website to allow for each representative and accompanying expert to register individually. It would be most appreciated if, in addition, each CPC, IGO and NGO interested in participating send the **list** with its respective representative and accompanying expert (s) to Ms Monica Galvan, Assistant to the Director, at [mgalvan@iattc.org](mailto:mgalvan@iattc.org).

**ARRANGEMENTS:** The Workshop will be held by videoconference, utilizing the Zoom platform. An invitation will be sent individually to each registered participant.

As indicated above, the Workshop will be held on **22 and 23 April 2021**. Each session will have a duration of three hours and will start at **3 PM PDT (UTC -7)** to finalize around **6 PM PDT (UTC -7)**.

For the convenience of the participants, a document will be posted on the website with more precise indications on the ways the meeting will be conducted, taking into account the special requirements and limitations of videoconferencing, using as a model the similar documents that were used for previous IATTC meetings by videoconference.

Languages: English and Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation.