

**Albacore Working Group (ALBWG)**  
**International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species**  
**in the North Pacific Ocean**

**4<sup>th</sup> Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop for Managers**

5-7 March 2019  
Yokohama, Japan

**Draft Agenda**

**March 5, 2019 (9:30 – 5:00)**

1. Opening of the Workshop
  - Welcoming Remarks
  - Chair's Opening Remarks
  - Overview of Workshop Goals
    - ✓ Examine preliminary results of the North Pacific Albacore (NPALB) MSE
    - ✓ Provide feedback to ALBWG on future improvements
    - ✓ Develop recommendations for the WCPFC NC and IATTC
  - Overview of Workshop Outputs
    - ✓ List of future improvements to ALBWG
    - ✓ List of recommendations for WCPFC NC and IATTC
  - Introductions
  
2. Meeting Logistics
  - Meeting Protocol
  - Review and Adoption of Agenda
  - Assignment of Rapporteurs
  - Group Photo
  
3. Review of North Pacific Albacore (NPALB) MSE process and progress
  - Presentation on the NPALB MSE Process
    - ✓ Refresher on "What is an MSE?"
    - ✓ Outcomes from previous NPALB workshops
    - ✓ Review management objectives, performance metrics, and candidate RPs and HCRs developed at previous NPALB MSE workshops
    - ✓ Progress since last workshop in Vancouver, Canada (October 2017)

4. Preliminary results of the first round of the NPALB MSE
  - Presentation on the preliminary results of the NPALB MSE
  - Discussion on the preliminary results
  - Potential discussion points
    - ✓ Are the preliminary results clear and understandable?
    - ✓ Is there sufficient information provided for managers and stakeholders to evaluate the MSE results, and subsequently to propose HCRs and RPs for NPALB?
    - ✓ What are the most important management objectives and performance metrics when evaluating the candidate RPs and HCRs?
    - ✓ Are there management objectives and performance metrics that should be added, removed, and/or changed?
    - ✓ Are there other candidate RPs and HCRs that should be tested?
    - ✓ What are the most promising candidate RPs and HCRs? And why?
    - ✓ Should the NPALB MSE continue for a second round, and if so, what are the objectives for continuing the MSE?

**March 6, 2019 (9:00 – 17:00)**

5. Review of agenda and status from Day 1
6. Continue discussion of preliminary results and development of workshop outputs
  - Develop a candidate list of recommendations to the NC for overnight consideration
  - Develop a candidate list of future improvements to the ALBWG for overnight consideration

**March 7, 2019 (9:00 am – 12:00)**

7. Finalize outputs from workshop
  - Identify list of recommendations to the NC
  - Identify list of future improvements to the ALBWG
8. Review MSE timeline and work plan
9. Closing remarks