

10 February, 2005

To : Members and Observers of ISC
Subject: Invitation to the 5th meeting of the Interim Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC)

Dear Delegates:

The 5th meeting of the Interim Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) will be convened by Japan in Tokyo during 28 to 30 March 2005. Your delegation is cordially invited to participate in the ISC plenary meeting including the Statistics working group (STATWG) meetings.

To facilitate our final preparations in Tokyo, please inform me of the names of the scientists and other members who will comprise your delegation in the plenary and STATWG meeting.

There are several enclosures to assist in planning for 5th ISC. There are provisional agendas for the plenary session and STATWG meetings. The former agenda had previously been distributed and the latter one has been developed in consultation with the leader of working group. Statistics working group meeting will meet in the morning of March 28. Please contact me if you have any comments or requests on the agendas.

The plenary meeting will occur from 28 (Afternoon)–30 March, 2005. Additional information on accommodations is also provided. Since Tokyo is always crowded I recommend you reserve a hotel by yourself as fast as you can. The meeting place (Kasumigaseki district) for STATWG and Plenary session are confirmed but the meeting room have not confirmed yet. I inform you by email after confirmed.

Lastly, I would like to ask each delegation to submit a National Report, which will be discussed under the agenda item 5 of the plenary session. The National Report should be prepared using the enclosed format, which has been used in previous ISC meetings. The desired contents of the National Report should focus upon the changes of the fisheries, statistics, and research since the 4th ISC meeting in 2004 in addition to a brief national fisheries overview.

It would be most helpful if National Reports were submitted to me (norihisa@fra.affrc.go.jp) by 18 March 2005 to facilitate photocopying. If the report will not be submitted by 18 March, each delegation is requested to bring a sufficient number of copies to the meeting. Information about the appropriate number of copies for the WG meetings and plenary will be provided at a later date based on participation.

Additional information will be provided by email and be posted on the ISC website (isc.ac.affrc.go.jp).

I am looking forward to seeing you at the 5th ISC meeting for a productive discussion on North Pacific pelagic fisheries resources.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "N. Baba". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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Enclosures:

Provisional agenda for plenary session
Provisional agenda for Statistics working group meeting
National report outline
Hotel information