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I. Chairman Gary Sakagawa

1. draft reply to German Ministry for the Environment, Nature, Conservation and Nuclear Safety indicating porbeagle does not occur in the North Pacific Ocean and spiny dogfish is not encountered in the pelagic tuna fisheries. The request for support of CITES listing of both species, therefore, was outside of the terms of reference of the ISC. (p. 23, 6.5)
2. suggested that presentation on Biological Reference Points be provided to the WCPFC SC (p. 24, 6.6)
3. re-draft Annex 2 of ISC-WCPFC MOU and submit to WCPFC for approval.
4. draft amendment to ISC guidelines to accommodate change from “Observer Participant” to “Non-voting Member” and distribute document to all parties for review and approval at ISC7. (p. 31, 9.2)
5. in consultation with the WG Chairs and perhaps the Northern committee, develop a long-term plan (3-year time horizon) for desired accomplishments. Plan to be used for planning frequency of WG meetings. (p. 32, 10.1)
6. update calendar of pertinent meetings, including meeting of ICCAT and IOTC. (p. 32, 10.1)
7. change the timing of the ISC Plenary meeting to July of each year (p. 31, 10.1)
8. ISC7 to be held in Korea from July 26 through July 30, 2007. (p. 32, 10.2)
9. prepares Action Item Plan and distribute to ISC participants for review and for Member approval. (p. 33, 11.3)

II. ALBWG Max Stocker

1. review and rescue data particularly catch information from the period prior to the mid-1970s (p. 12, 5.1).
2. review and rescue catch-effort and size (length data) from Japan and U.S.A. fisheries from the early-1950s (p. 12, 5.1).

III. STATWG Naozumi Miyabe

1. develop list of species to be reported by research teams in Delegation Reports (p. 4, 3.2).
2. give highest priority to developing and establishing a centralized ISC database. In the interim, a temporary system following protocol established by the ALBWG need to be implemented for centralized data archiving and exchange (p. 16, 5.4).
3. develop and send to Data Correspondents by June 1, 2006, specification for metadata submission and reminder of due date for first data submission (p. 28, 8.2).
4. should plan to meet at least once and in conjunction with the 2007 Plenary session (p. 29, 8.3)

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IV. PBFWG Harumi Yamada

1. consult with other organizations to ensure data for the single stock are compiled and summarized appropriately (p. 13, 5.2).
2. include detail results from various assessment models for comparisons when interpretations of model results are included in WG report (p. 13, 5.2).
3. decide how the WG should proceed in 2006-07 with producing the next comprehensive stock assessment (p. 13, 5.2).
4. need to address both data uncertainties and suggestions made by participants at the Jan. 16-20, 2006 WG meeting in conducting the next stock assessment scheduled for completion prior to the ISC Plenary meeting in 2007 (p. 20, 6.2).

V. SWOWG Robert Humphreys

1. begin efforts at holding a “World Swordfish Meeting” sometime in the near future (likely 2008.) R. Humphreys appointed coordinator and charged with executing this assignment and in keeping the Plenary abreast of progress (p. 15, 5.3).
2. focus on reducing the level of uncertainty in future stock assessments (e.g., by using additional stock assessment models, incorporating additional size composition data, and expanding swordfish tagging efforts, etc.) and cover the entire range of the north Pacific swordfish (p. 21, 6.3)
3. ensure that the next stock assessment covers the entire range of the north Pacific stock and takes into consideration latest information on stock structure of the Pacific population (p. 21, 6.3).

VI. MARWG Gerard DiNardo

1. explore availability and usefulness of catch and release data for marlin tagged in the Mexican and U.S. sport fisheries (p. 15, 5.3).
2. give high priority to the unresolved issues (catchability of the Japanese longline CPUE, complete catch and effort data for Chinese-Taipei and Korea, stock structure and catch and release data from Mexico and U.S. sport fisheries) for striped marlin in the next stock assessment (p. 22, 6.4)

VII. BYCATWG Christofer Boggs

1. “firm up” research assignments for upcoming years, particularly identifying studies and related work necessary to meet the overall goals (p. 17, 5.5).

VIII. Members Data Correspondents

1. submit PBF data to the STATWG in a timely manner in order for timely completion of the stock assessment assignment of PBFWG (p. 20, 6.2)

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IX. Webmaster Harumi Yamada

1. Make changes to website, including lists of ISC working papers, and referencing the creation of an Albacore Working Group. (p. 33, 11.2)

X. Working Groups—

1. use peer review procedures as appropriate that are included in the operations manual (p. 33, 12.0)

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