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(page and section numbers in parentheses refer to the ISC Report of the sixth meeting)

I. Chairman Gary Sakagawa

1. Inform PICES of ISC's decision to send no representative to its 16th meeting, Oct. 26th to Nov. 5th in Victoria, B.C., Canada. (p. 16, 5.2)
2. Inform the IATTC of ISC's decision to keep with original schedule for the PBF stock assessment. (p.19, 6.2).
3. Monitor use of a "traffic light system" ("Kobe" diagram) for communicating stock status. (p. 30, 7.4. p. 32, 8.2 and p. 38, 11.6)
4. Review Rules of Procedures and modify as necessary to refine the roles of the Database Administrator and the STATWG (p. 34, 9.2).
5. Inform members on selection of time and place for ISC8, July 23-28, 2008 (p. 36, 10.1).
6. Distribute tentative ISC schedule of workshops to other RFMOs (36, p. 10.2).
7. Finalize current changes to Operations Manual (p. 37, 11.1).
8. Prepare glossary of standard technical terms used by ISC for inclusion in the Operations Manual (p. 37, 11.1).
9. Produce and distribute updated roster and Organization diagram (p. 37, 11.2).
10. Work with host of ISC8 meeting-- provide list of requirements, such as meeting room configurations, distribution lists, logistics, etc. (p. 38, 11.5).

II. ALBWG Max Stocker

1. Incorporate estimated catch of IUU fishing in stock assessment (p. 17, 6.1).
2. Continue efforts to rescue historical fishery data (p. 18, 6.1).
3. Develop prototype "Kobe" diagrams using the 2006 assessment results and multiple proxy reference points. (p. 38, 11.6).

*NC3 (Request). Investigate concept of maintaining spawning stock biomass in the range of its historical fluctuation as an interim reference point.

III. STATWG Naozumi Miyabe

1. Develop a [standard] performance report for each member that will show at a glance which data have and have not been submitted (p. 34, 9.2).
2. Monitor progress with commitment to develop the ISC database system to meet needs, including hiring of capable staff and maintaining a stable workforce (p. 34, 9.2).

IV. PBFWG Yukio Takeuchi

1. Make progress towards completing a stock assessment in 2008 (p. 18, 6.2).

V. BILLWG Gerard DiNardo

1. Develop full proposal for an ISC-organized Swordfish session at the World Fisheries Congress in Yokohama, Japan, October 20-24, 2008 and work with Plenary Chairman to secure slot on the WFC agenda (p. 20, 6.3).
2. Make progress towards completing a SWO stock assessment in 2009 (p. 19, 6.3).

*SC3 (Request). Determine geographic concentration of catch and stock biomass of striped marlin, particularly whether most of the stock lies north of 20N latitude and west of 150W longitude.

VI. BCWG Christofer Boggs

1. Review where to best focus work given limited resources and the areas already being covered by other organizations. The WG's Terms of Reference will not change but it is expected that a shift in emphasis away from seabird and sea turtle issues, and toward shark issues, may occur (p. 22, 6.4).
2. A holistic approach in assessing bycatch issues is necessary, but the WG efforts should be focused on HMS fisheries since that is the primary area of ISC expertise (p. 22, 6.4).

VII. Data Correspondents

1. Delegation reports on fisheries should focus on comprehensive reporting on all North Pacific HMS fisheries, including fisheries catching billfishes (p. 8, 3.2)
2. Flow of data [for key stocks] should be from the data correspondents to the WGs and from the WGs to the Database Administrator (p. 33, 9.2).

VIII. Webmaster Harumi Yamada

1. Provide periodic updates on progress of the new design and server to Heads of Delegation and WG Chairmen, keeping in mind to include progress with the structural design, flow, functionality, and content in order to allow opportunity for full participation and adequate consultation with stakeholders (p. 38, 11.4).

IX. Database Administrator Harumi Yamada

1. Receive data from WGs through explicit procedures; [to be developed] store WG data and catch distribution maps, and produce Category I tables for tuna and tuna-like species of interest to the ISC (p. 34, 9.2).
2. New draft procedures [for flow and handling of data] will be trialed as a means of accelerating progress on data management systems (p. 34, 9.2).
3. Maintain catch tables for albacore, swordfish and striped marlin and for other North Pacific HMS for inclusion in ISC Plenary report (p. 35, 9.4)

X. ALL Working Group Chairs

1. Set data rescue goals with first priority to compile data from 1971 to the present, then work backward decade-by-decade until the 1950s (p. 35, 9.3).
2. Include a reference to each fishery data table (particularly catch table) to indicate the date of last update (p. 35, 9.4).
3. Prepare catch distribution maps and submit to the Database Administrator (p. 35, 9.4)
4. Note data flow for key species should be from the Data Correspondents to the WGs and from the WGs to the Database Administrator (p. 33, 9.2).