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2010-2011 ISC ACTION PLAN

I. ISC CHAIRMAN

1. Contact other RFMOs to determine if interest in collaborating on a world blue marlin symposium in 2012 exists (6.3);
2. Organize and convene the first shark working group workshop (6.5);
3. Send letters of appreciation to 2010 Seminar presenters (6.6);
4. Continue seeking funding for proposed biological sampling program (9.0, 11.8);
5. Organize ISC Review Task Force for review of ISC function (11.2);
6. Send electronic version of the complete revised Operations Manual to ISC members after ISC10 (11.7);
7. Publish revised Operations Manual by the end of 2010 (11.7);
8. Make delegation reports available as soon as possible in advance of Plenary meetings (11.9).

II. ISC MEMBERS

1. All – provide summaries of all North Pacific Ocean HMS fisheries (annual catch by species and gear, number of vessels by gear and size category and average size of fish caught by species and fishery for entire NPO) in National Reports and to ISC database (3.0, 9.3);
2. Korea – investigate matters related to data availability (3.4);
3. Mexico – update information on billfish caught by 2009 fishery for next BILLWG and Plenary meetings (3.5);
4. United States – verify reported skipjack size data (3.6);
5. All – Members wishing to participate should nominate up to two scientists to work with the ISC Chairman in organizing first shark working group meeting (6.5);
6. All – data correspondents collaborate with WGs to update metadata (9.0);
7. All – incorporate all metadata workshop recommendations (*Annex 12, Attachment 5*) (9.0);

8. Japan – work with STATWG, DA, ISC leadership to delineate respective roles in monitoring DA’s progress (H. Nakano; 9.1);
9. Japan – track and monitor progress of the DA and provide results to STATWG (H. Nakano; 9.1);
10. All – Submit full data on bycatch by respective HMS fleets (9.4);
11. United States – plan for and host ISC11 (10.0);
12. All – review Webmaster responsibilities and provide comments to ISC Chairman by 2 October 2010 (11.5);
13. All – review proposed changes and updates to the ISC Operations Manual by 2 October 2010 (11.7);
14. J.B. Lee agreed to represent ISC at the October 2010 PICES meeting and report back on any noteworthy information opportunities for collaboration at ISC11 (5.2).

III. ALL ISC WORKING GROUPS

1. Provide all released working group working papers to ISC Office of the Chair (OOC) for posting on website (11.5);
2. Collaborate with data correspondents to update metadata (9.0);
3. Inform Data Administrator of any updated catch data from members (9.0).

IV. ALBWWG

1. Conduct a full albacore stock assessment and present at ISC11 (6.1).

V. PBFWWG

1. Continue work to conduct a full Pacific bluefin tuna stock assessment in 2012 (6.2);
2. Resolve underlying issues with current stock assessment (6.2).

VI. BILLWWG

1. Scope out a program for a large-scale international billfish tagging program and determine feasibility (6.3);
2. Conduct full striped marlin stock assessment and present at ISC11 (6.3, T5).

VII. Shark WG

1. Elect a chairperson and develop a work plan for blue and shortfin mako shark assessments (6.5).

VIII. STATWG

1. Monitor progress of Database Administrator (9.1);
2. Review Data Submission Report Card and make appropriate revisions to incorporate how members are rated (9.2);
3. Circulate additional revisions to DA responsibilities by correspondence to the STATWG members by 2 October 2010 (11.7);
4. Complete future work plan (*Annex 12*, section 10.0).

IX. Database Administrator

1. Work with data correspondents and WGs to update metadata (9.0);
2. Ask China to submit outstanding data (9.2);
3. Review delegation reports after each Plenary to determine gaps in the ISC database (9.2);
4. Continue to revise/refine ISC database per STATWG decisions (*Annex 12*).

X. Webmaster

1. Continue improvements to ISC website (11.5);
2. Post working group working papers as OOC provides them (11.5).