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2011-2012 ISC ACTION PLAN

I. ISC CHAIRMAN

1. Work with PICES to explore areas where ISC and PICES can collaborate (5.2.2);
2. Work with China to encourage full participation in ISC activities (6.1)
3. Incorporate tables in Annex 11 into a revised ISC Operations Manual (6.5, 11.5)
4. Coordinate with WG Chairs to clarify the intent of proposed executive summaries for ISC stock assessment reports (6.5)
5. Consolidate WG data requests for appropriate RFMOs (9.1)
6. Amend the data reporting protocol to add discard data in Category I and II data provision, and if available, include the shark sex information in Category III data, if available (9.1).
7. Form an ad hoc committee that will meet prior to ISC12 to ensure successful completion of ISC data management objectives (9.2)
8. Shepherd completion of ISC peer review of function (10.2)
9. Continue seeking funding for proposed biological sampling program (11.2);
10. Revise Operations Manual to remove references to collection of data on sea turtles and seabirds and narrow references to bycatch or discards to finfish species (11.5)

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. All – work with WGs to develop reports or analyses that result in sufficient data summarization, specifically of relevant observer data (9.1)
3. C.-L. Sun agreed to represent ISC at the October 2011 PICES meeting and report back on any noteworthy information opportunities for collaboration at ISC12 (5.2.3);
4. All – address catch table discrepancies and assist the DA in resolving them (9.1)

5. Provide missing metadata, complete metadata tables and submit to the DA by 31 October 2011 (9.1)
6. Japan, Korea, USA – sponsor peer reviewers and work with Chair to accomplish (10.2)
7. All – submit ISC12 documents by July 1, 2012 (11.7)

III. ALL ISC WORKING GROUPS

1. Cooperate with ISC Chair to clarify the intent of proposed executive summaries for ISC stock assessment reports (6.5);
2. All – address catch table discrepancies and assist the DA in resolving them (9.1)
3. All - Provide missing metadata, complete metadata tables and submit to the DA by 31 October 2011 (9.1)
4. All – communicate data requests to the STATWG Chair (9.1)
5. All – work with Members to develop reports or analyses that result in sufficient data summarization, specifically of relevant observer data (9.1)
6. All – focus data acquisitions on principal species of interest (9.5)
7. Provide information for species webpages for ISC website (11.4)
8. All – submit workshop reports to ISC Chair within 30 days of end of workshop (11.7)

IV. ALBWG

1. Continue to address research priorities for incorporation in next albacore stock assessment (7.1).

V. PBFWG

1. Conduct a full Pacific bluefin tuna stock assessment in 2012 (6.2);

VI. BILLWG

1. Conduct full striped marlin stock assessment and present at ISC12 (6.3);
2. Prepare data for Pacific blue marline stock assessment in 2013 (6.3).

VII. Shark WG

1. Compile and analyze data in preparation for full blue shark stock assessment in 2013 (6.4);
2. Compile and organize other shark data for future assessments (6.4 and Annex 6);
3. Compile list of species of interest to supplement description of Category III data (11.5)

VIII. STATWG

1. Consider conducting an inventory exchange with IATTC (9.1).
2. Work with ISC Chair to amend the data reporting protocol to add discard data in Category I and II data provision, and if available, include the shark sex information in Category III data, if available (9.1).
3. Complete workplan outlined in Annex 12 (9.1)
4. Chair - participate an ad hoc committee that will meet prior to ISC12 to ensure successful completion of ISC data management objectives (9.2)
5. Discuss Data Submission Report Card at first ad hoc committee meeting (9.3)
6. Ad hoc committee – define terms (catch, bycatch) in consistent manner with other RFMOs (11.5)

IX. Database Administrator

1. Complete ISC data inventory and forward to the WCPFC Secretariat by 31 July 2011 (9.1)
2. Participate in an ad hoc committee that will meet prior to ISC12 to ensure successful completion of ISC data management objectives (9.2)
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X. Webmaster

1. Participate in an ad hoc committee that will meet prior to ISC12 to ensure successful completion of ISC data management objectives (9.2)
2. Update ISC website based on new information from ISC12, update public domain catch data, complete WG pages (11.4)