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**ISC/24/PLENARY/01**



## **PLENARY 01**

*24<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the  
International Scientific Committee for Tuna  
and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean  
Victoria, Canada  
June 19-24, 2024*

## **ISC ACTION PLAN**

**(2024-25)**

**June 2024**

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## 2023-24 ISC ACTION PLAN

### I. ISC CHAIR and OFFICE of the CHAIR

1. Completing signing of approved MOU with the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC)
2. Canvas members about the focus of a third peer review of the ISC function and process
3. Consult with Members about methods to formalize the ISC.
4. Climate change – continue to advance work on incorporating climate considerations into ISC advise. The ISC Chair will develop a matrix for WG completion that contains more detailed information on activities of the WGs.
5. Work with the Webmaster to update ISC website with “Open Science” dropdown menu and WG Chair names and email addresses to contact for access to repositories on GitHub.
6. Notify other organizations that they need to document requests to ISC separately in a letter to the ISC Chair

### II. ISC MEMBERS

1. Members to internally explore alternative methods of formalizing the ISC.
2. Members to continue working on climate change with the goal of developing a collective and collaborative plan for ISC Science
3. 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;
4. Submit ISC25 documents by dates set out below:
  - WG working papers are due to Office of the ISC Chair (OOC) and Webmaster immediately after completion of the WG workshop for posting on the ISC website;
  - April 30 - Final Stock Assessment Reports due to OOC;
  - May 30 – Final Stock Assessment Reports due to OOC for assessments completed in April
  - June 1 – deadline for OOC to receive National Reports
  - June 10 - distribution of all documents for Plenary meeting electronically.
  - June 1st - Deadline for member countries to report Category I, II and III data to the ISC Final stock assessment reports.
5. Korea – prepare to host ISC25, June 18-23, 2025.

### **III. ALBWG**

1. Respond to NC20 requests if any are made.
2. Conduct workshop on research to improve stock assessment modeling and process.
3. Develop information on how climate change considerations are incorporated into the stock assessment process and data needed to do so in the future using the matrix developed by the ISC Chair.

### **IV. PBFWG**

1. Conduct MSE webinar and MSE workshop to develop technical aspects of MSE and hold stakeholder and manager workshop(s) to review results
2. Respond to IATTC-NC JWG and/or NC20 requests.
3. Present PBF benchmark assessment results on stock status and conservation to IATTC-WCPFC Joint Working Group meeting, July 2024.
4. Present PBF benchmark assessment results on stock status and conservation to WCPFC-NC20 meeting, July 2024.
5. Develop information on how climate change considerations are incorporated into the stock assessment process and data needed to do so in the future using the matrix developed by the ISC Chair.
6. Conduct half-day workshop in advance of ISC25
7. Present MSE results to ISC25 Plenary.

### **V. BILLWG**

1. Conduct workshop on biological research for billfish species.
2. Provide an update on progress of the billfish biological sampling program at ISC25.
3. Develop information on how climate change considerations are incorporated into the stock assessment process and data needed to do so in the future using the matrix developed by the ISC Chair.

### **VI. SHARKWG**

1. Conduct indicator workshop for BSH.
2. Develop information on how climate change considerations are incorporated into the stock assessment process and data needed to do so in the future using the matrix developed by the ISC Chair.
3. Conduct half-day workshop in advance of ISC25.
4. Present indicator results to ISC25 Plenary

**VII. STATWG**

1. The DA to distribute the ISC data inventory to ISC Data Correspondents for review by September 30, 2024 and to Species WG Chairs by October 15, 2024
2. The DA to publish the ISC data inventory on the ISC website by October 31, 2024;
3. The DA to archive PBF and SMA assessment files from all 2023-2024 ISC assessments.
4. Metadata for national fisheries updated and published by DA on ISC researcher's website by August 31, 2024.
5. STATWG Chair to organize training on Open Science tools and lead the development of governance for the application and use of "Open Science" within the ISC.
6. STATWG Steering Group to conduct an intersessional meeting in January 2025 to complete its work plan (format, location and dates to be determined).
7. Conduct a half-day meeting prior to ISC25.