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To: Commissioners

cc: Bolivia, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia

From: Guillermo Compeán, Director 

Re: IATTC – WCPFC joint meeting on Pacific bluefin tuna management – Letter from USA

Please find attached for your information and consideration copy of a letter with reference 150401WCR2014SF00141:CB, sent by Mr. Barry A. Thom, IATTC Commissioner of the United States, proposing a draft agenda for the IATTC – WCPFC joint meeting on Pacific bluefin tuna management, as well as the nomination of the Co-chair for the meeting.



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Dr. Guillermo Compeán, Director
Mr. Guillermo Morán, Chairman
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Dear Dr. Compeán and Mr. Morán:

The United States is writing in regards to the recently adopted IATTC Resolution C-16-03 (*Resolution on Pacific Bluefin Tuna*) on the joint working group meeting of the IATTC and Northern Committee (NC) to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). Specifically, the United States is proposing an agenda and nominating a Co-chair at the joint working group meeting. The United States recommends that, upon agreement from members of the IATTC, that the proposed agenda and the name of the Co-chair be conveyed to the NC Chair.

In accordance with Resolution C-16-03, the United States recommends the following agenda be proposed in correspondence to the NC Chair accepting the invitation (Ref. #0366-410) to have a joint meeting.

Proposed Draft Agenda

- I. Opening of the Meeting
- II. Designation of Co-chairs
- III. Adoption of Agenda
- IV. Terms of Reference
 - a. Goals of working group, including a Pacific-wide approach to rebuilding Pacific bluefin tuna that includes WCPFC-wide catch limits
 - b. Catch limits for all age classes and consider a range of alternatives for catch reduction of juveniles
 - c. Procedure for future joint meetings to be convened annually
 - d. Next steps for outcomes of meeting, including forwarding recommendations for consideration of each Commission
- V. Review International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean 2016 Pacific bluefin tuna stock assessment and IATTC-SAC7 Recommendations
- VI. Review current management measures in both IATTC and WCPFC, including initial rebuilding target in CMM 2015-04
- VII. Roles and responsibilities of the ISC, SAC and the IATTC scientific staff, including evaluation of specific candidate harvest control rules and reference points
- VIII. Consider and develop limit and target reference points as part of long-term management framework
- IX. Recruitment-based emergency rule
- X. Catch document scheme
- XI. Other business

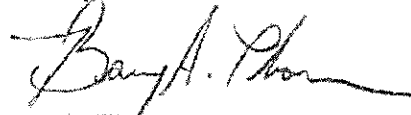


As stated in Resolution C-16-03, the United States recommends noting to the NC Chair that the meeting shall be open to observers. Lastly, the United States nominates, with support from México's head of delegation, Dr. Michel Dreyfus (México) to serve as Co-chair alongside the Co-chair selected by the NC.

Please share this letter with the other members and cooperating non-members with a request for comments. If no objections to this nomination have been raised within 15 days, the U.S. suggests you consider the nomination approved.

Please contact Heidi Taylor at Heidi.Taylor@noaa.gov or 562-980-4039 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry A. Thom". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Barry A. Thom
U.S. Commissioner to the IATTC

cc: David Hogan, U.S. Department of State
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