



3rd ISC North Pacific Albacore Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop

*October 17-19, 2017
Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel, Vancouver, Canada*

The Canadian Department of Fisheries and Oceans extends an invitation to managers, stakeholders and scientists from countries that participate in North Pacific albacore tuna fisheries to attend the 3rd North Pacific Albacore Tuna Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop, October 17-19, 2017, in Vancouver, Canada.

Background

To ensure adoption effective fishery management measures, Tuna RFMOs have been working towards developing and implementing a management strategy evaluation (MSE) process. This process provides decision makers with information to assess consequences of a range of management strategies given stated fishery objectives, exposing the underlying tradeoffs between the various management strategies.

The International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC), with endorsement from the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission-Northern Committee, is charged with conducting a MSE process for North Pacific albacore tuna. The 1st ISC Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop was held April 16-17, 2015 in Yokohama, Japan. The first workshop was designed to familiarized managers, stakeholders and scientists with the key components required in developing an MSE, and the role each group plays in the MSE process.. The 2nd ISC Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop was held May 24-25, 2016, also in Yokohama, Japan. This workshop focused on developing input from managers and stakeholders regarding management objectives for the north Pacific albacore stock.

Workshop Goals and Objectives

The goal of the 3rd ISC Management Strategy Evaluation Workshop is to finalize management objectives and strategies for testing within the MSE framework through discussion with mangers and stakeholders. Specific objectives include:

1. Review management objectives and performance metrics previously proposed (Yokohama, May 2016),

2. Identify acceptable level of risk for each objective to be used in evaluating performance of management strategies,
3. Develop a preliminary set of candidate reference points and harvest control rules for testing, and
4. Review the work plan and timeline for conducting management strategy evaluation.

Intended Audience

This meeting is intended for managers who regulate north Pacific albacore fisheries, fishermen and others involved in the fishing industry, non-governmental organizations, and scientists responsible for delivering science on the north Pacific albacore stock.

Further Information

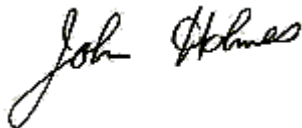
Detailed information pertaining to the venue and the workshop registration form is included with this announcement. Registration is required, and participants are responsible for making their own travel arrangements. Transportation and lodging options are also provided and a detailed agenda will be distributed shortly. For additional information please contact [mailto: Tarah Sullivan \(tarah.sullivan@dfo-mpo.gc.ca\)](mailto:Tarah.Sullivan@dfo-mpo.gc.ca).

A block of rooms has been set aside for participants at the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel (meeting venue) at a nightly rate of \$129 + tax CAD. The cut-off date for booking this accommodation is **SEPTEMBER 29** and a link is provided in the detailed information to make your booking.

Sponsors and Support

Workshop sponsors include ISC, and Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Support for the workshop comes from DFO and the ISC.

Cheers,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "John Holmes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

John Holmes

ISC Chair

Registration

Registration is required and you can do so by following this link;

<https://goo.gl/forms/CZPoy7UDuOeFaxzH2>

*** Please note to register you must have/use a google account. ***

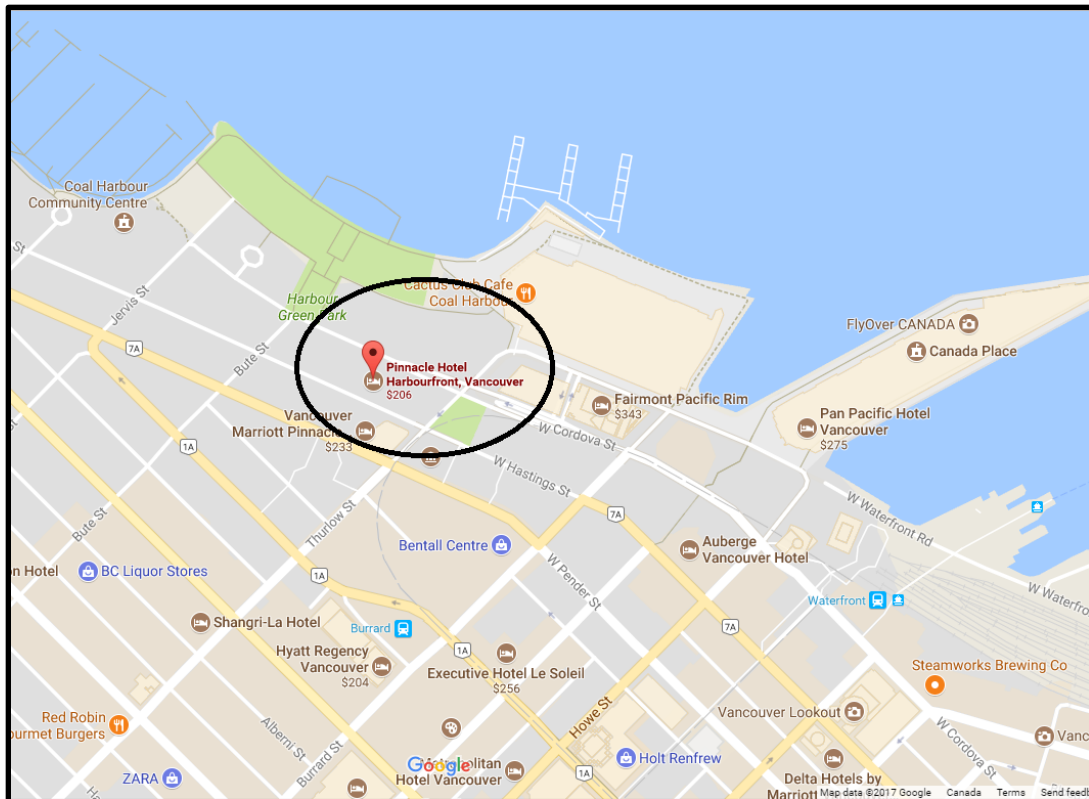
Venue

The Workshop will be held at the Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel, which is located in central downtown Vancouver close to restaurants and local attractions.

Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel
1133 West Hastings Street,
Vancouver, BC, V6E 3T3

Phone: 1-844-337-3118

Email: Vancouver.info@pinnaclehotels.ca



Please follow the link below for more information on the venue:

<http://www.pinnacleharbourfronthotel.com/>

Hotel Reservations

Meeting participants are responsible for booking their own accommodation.

A block of rooms has been set aside at the Pinnacle Hotel for meeting participants at a nightly rate of \$129.00 + tax (CAD).

Also note that the hotel has been kind enough to extend the special pricing to include the three days prior and the three days following for ease of travel.

The cut-off date for hotel booking is **September 29, 2017** – availability is limited so please book as soon as possible.

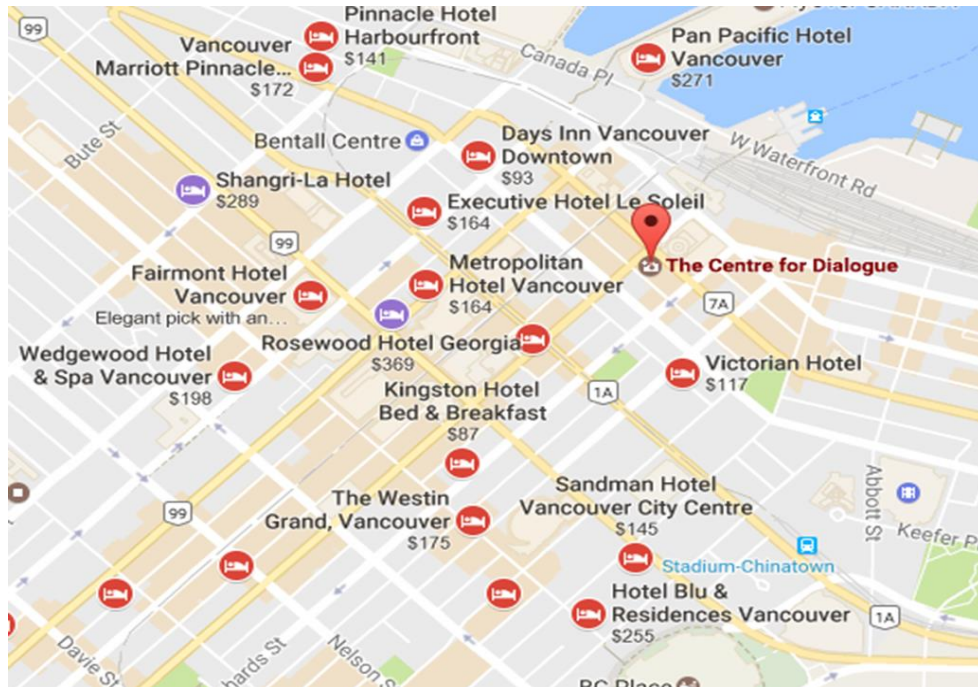
To make a reservation please follow this link;
<https://aws.passkey.com/event/49430328/owner/2075/home>

When you click on the link and add your check in and check out dates, several options will be offered at different prices. Choose the Cityside One King option for \$129 CAD per night for the Workshop rate.

Reservations can be made by calling the Pinnacle Hotel directly:
1-604-691-2745
1-844-337-3118 (toll-free in North America)

Other Local Hotels

Participants wishing to consider other hotels in Vancouver must communicate directly with the hotels for rates and reservations. Please note the locations of the alternate hotels on the attached map in relation to the meeting site (Pinnacle Harbourfront Hotel, at the top of the map below.). Participants will need to check the hotel location and make arrangements for commuting between the preferred hotel and the meeting site.



Additional Travel Information

Travel from Vancouver Airport (YVR) to Downtown

- [Skytrain](#) - the YVR Airport Skytrain (above and below ground train) is the quickest way to get from Vancouver International Airport to downtown Vancouver, with a travel time of 25 minutes. Take the Canada Line from the airport to the Waterfront Station. Walk west from the waterfront station 3 blocks past Canada Place (white building that looks like sails) and you'll see the hotel on your left within a block. For map and fares See: <http://thecanadaline.com/>
- [Limousine](#) – Aerocar offers flat rate limousine service to downtown Vancouver and elsewhere. Once you pick up your baggage follow the signs to ground transportation outside the international arrivals area and you will see the cars waiting next to the Aerocar booth. No reservation is necessary. Limousines charge a flat rate by zone. Cost to the Pinnacle Hotel is approximately \$64 CAD. For more information see: <http://www.yvr.ca/en/passengers/transportation/sedans-and-limousines>
- [Taxi](#) - There are many taxis serving YVR, the cars are no older than seven years and all drivers must speak English. The cost for a cab between Vancouver Airport and the downtown is approximately \$35 CAD.

Miscellaneous

Passports and Visas

Details can be viewed at: <http://www.cic.gc.ca/english/visit/>

Currency

Most major currencies can be exchanged at the airport and major banks. Visa and Master Card are accepted in many hotels and restaurants. ATM machines connected to major global networks are available at many locations around the city.

Canada is phasing out the 1 cent piece from it's currency. This means that the price of a cash sale will be rounded to the nearest 5 cents, i.e., a charge of \$4.81 will be rounded down to \$4.80. Electronic transactions (debit, credit) are always exact and not rounded.

Power Supply

In Canada the power sockets used are of type A and B. Check out the following pictures.



Time Zone

Vancouver is on Pacific Daylight Savings Time (PDT) in October (UTC-8:00)

Language

English is the official language of the Workshop. No translation or interpretation will be offered.

Dress and Climate

Fall days in October bring temperatures ranging from 6 to 14 °C on average, with coolest temperatures occurring in the evening and early mornings. Rain occurs on about half of the days during October and on average about 113 mm falls. Rain gear and jackets for cool weather are recommended. Attire is business casual for all meetings.

Events in October

A listing of cultural events can be found at the following web site in details.

<https://www.tourismvancouver.com/events/calendar-of-events/>