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**Meeting Notice: Postponement of the 5th Joint NC-IATTC Working Group Meeting**

Dear All,

Further to Circular 2020/09, please find enclosed a self-explanatory letter dated 9 June 2020 from the co-chairs of the Joint WCPFC-NC and IATTC Working Group on the Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna, advising of the postponement of the meeting of the working group scheduled for late July in Fukuoka, Japan .

Please distribute this Circular to all relevant people and potential participants at the Working Group Meeting in your country and organization. If you have any questions, please contact the Secretariat's Science Manager Dr SungKwon Soh at [sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int](mailto:sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int).

Yours sincerely,

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Re: Postponement of 5<sup>th</sup> Joint NC-IATTC Working Group( JWG) Meeting scheduled in late July in Fukuoka Japan

Dear fellow members and participants,

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. To our regret, after consultation with the host country we have to announce that the in-person meeting of the 5<sup>th</sup> JWG meeting cannot be held in July as originally planned because of the CORVID19 pandemic. We will continue to consult with the host country and other JWG members to identify an alternative suitable time and venue for the meeting including a virtual meeting. Nonetheless, we must admit that it may be very difficult to find a time and venue that are acceptable to both RFMOs, especially when their in-person annual meetings are still uncertain to be held this year.

Accordingly, we, the JWG co-chairs, promise to endeavor to hold the JWG meeting this year, but at the same time, would like to ask you to consider the worst case scenario, where a simple roll-over of the 2020 conservation and management measures would be the only remaining option. Since the meaning of the roll-over differs between the two RFMOs, we hope that the concerned parties will consider and discuss its concept, application and formalization process in advance and give us guidance on how you want to move from here to cope with the special circumstances this year.

Sincerely,



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