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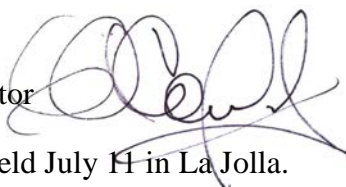
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To: Commissioners

cc: Cook Islands, Kiribati

From: Guillermo Compeán, Director



Ref: Informal Workshop to be held July 14 in La Jolla.

Attached for your information and consideration is a letter from Mr. Russell F. Smith III, Deputy Assistant Secretary of International Fisheries of NOAA.

To the members and cooperating non-Parties of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and the members, cooperating non-members and participating territories of the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission:

I am writing on behalf of Canada, the European Union, Japan and the United States, to invite you to join us for an informal workshop on matters related to the work of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the Western Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC). This jointly sponsored workshop will be held from 9:30 am to 12:30 pm on July 11, 2011, at the La Jolla Marriott Hotel, in La Jolla, California. The Kobe 3 meetings will be held in the same hotel from July 12 - 14.

We would like to convene this workshop because it has become more and more evident that there are issues related to the conservation and management of tuna resources in the Pacific Ocean that these two organizations need to address in a coordinated fashion if our conservation and management efforts are to be successful. The purpose of this workshop is to exchange views among members of IATTC and WCPFC related to this question. We believe that with the CCMs of the WCPFC and the CPCs of the IATTC coming together for the Kobe 3 meeting, we have an excellent opportunity to begin the discussion of the connection between the efforts of these two organizations.

As we only have limited time for this initial meeting, we recommend that the discussion focus on conservation and management measures in the overlapping Convention areas. Other issues could be discussed if time allows. A draft agenda that has been prepared by the conveners is attached for your consideration. A working document which discusses the items on the agenda in greater detail will be distributed later.

We look forward to seeing you on July 11 and at the Kobe III meetings that will follow. Please let us know by May 6, 2011 if you have any questions or suggestions concerning the organization of this workshop or the attached agenda.

Thank you for your consideration and warm regards,



Russell F. Smith III
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Draft Agenda for an Informal Workshop on matters related to the IATTC and WCPFC

1. Opening

2. Election of Chair and Rapporteur

3. Adoption of Agenda

4. General Overview

5. Discussion

(1) Conservation and management measures in the overlapped area

(2) Other issues

6. Other matters

7. Closing