

ICCAT 2012

18th Special Meeting
of the Commission
12 - 19 November 2012
Agadir, Morocco



2012 U.S. Priorities

- Bluefin
- Marlins
- South Atlantic Swordfish
- Sharks
- Monitoring, control and surveillance
- Compliance
- Future of ICCAT

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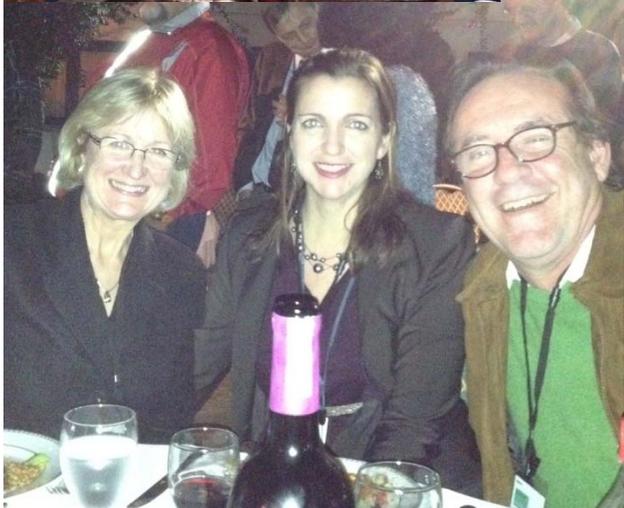
Meeting Dynamics

- Logistic concerns
 - Short "acclimation" time
 - Split locations
 - Air quality
- Less polarized
- U.S. w/leadership roles
 - Dr. Chris Rogers, Chair of the Compliance Committee
 - Ms. Deirdre Warner-Kramer, Chair of the Future of ICCAT Working Group





What happened?



Western Bluefin

- 1 year measure
- TAC remains at 1750 mt
- No change to allocation key
- Absolute minimum size (27" CLFJL)
- Quota transfer to support cooperative research
- Intersessional workshop on western bluefin management & science

Eastern Bluefin

- TAC increased from 12,900 to 13,400
- Algeria with 100 mt (extra & temporary)
- No change in allocation key
- No resolution on Libyan request
- One week change in purse seine season
- Increased monitoring of cage transfers
- Enhancements to joint at-sea inspections

- SCRS to update assessment 2014, full assessment 2015
- Fishing plans not approved
- Novel funding for GBYP discussed



Billfish

- New blue marlin white marlin/roundscale spearfish recommendation
- Country-specific quotas through 2015
- Cap on U.S. recreational landings continues
- Minimum sizes for other parties' recreational billfish fisheries
- No sale of recreational fish
- Improved data collection for artisanal fisheries

South Atlantic Swordfish

- 1 year rollover of existing recommendation
- New assessment this year



Sharks

- Lots of measures, not much action
- Shark management measure implementation reports due 2013
- Measures not adopted
 - Oceanic whitetip
 - Porbeagle
 - Shortfin mako
 - Fins attached
 - Shark Action Plan



PWG

- New terms of reference
- Port Inspection Recommendation adopted (U.S., EU, Canada, & Norway)
- At-Sea Transshipment Recommendation adopted (U.S.)
- eBCD Recommendation adopted (U.S. & Japan)
- U.S. VMS proposal got a lot of discussion but was not adopted
- Integrated Monitoring Measures Working Group intersessional

Compliance Committee

- Less time available
- Seven parties and one non-party formally identified (Trade Measures Recommendation)
- 25 parties receive letters of concern
- 16 parties (including U.S.) received no action

- Cooperating party status for Chinese Taipei, Colombia, Curaçao, El Salvador, and Suriname
- Cooperating party status revoked for Guyana (no reporting)
- IUU Vessel List adopted
- Revised guidelines for Annual Reports adopted
- Joint Compliance/Panel 2 intersessional meeting approved

Other Matters

- Convention Amendment
 - Process to develop targeted amendments adopted
 - Convention scope
 - Decision making processes/procedures
 - Participation of non-members
 - Working Group to meet this year

- Sargasso Sea Resolution (U.S. co-sponsor) - SCRS to report in 2015
- FAO-Global Environment Facility (GEF) Tuna Project -
 - Not adopted at meeting, but...
 - ICCAT to participate

2013 ICCAT Events



- 2013 SCRS assessments
 - June 17 - 24. Atlantic albacore assessment. Sukarrieta, Spain.
 - September 2 - 10. Swordfish assessment. Olhão, Portugal

- 2013 Commission meetings

- February 18 - 21. Compliance Committee & Panel 2. Seville, Spain.
- June 26 - 28. Working Group of Fisheries Managers and Scientists in Support of Western Bluefin Tuna Management. Montreal, Canada.
- July 7 - 9. Working Group on Integrated Monitoring Measures. Sapporo, Japan.
- July 10 - 12. Working Group on the Convention Amendment. Sapporo, Japan.
- November 18 - 25. 23rd Regular Meeting of the Commission. Cape Town, South Africa.



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