

19th Special Meeting of the Commission

Genoa, Italy

10 - 17 November 2014

U.S. Priorities

- Bluefin tuna
 - Western Atlantic
 - Eastern Atlantic
- Sharks
- Improved MCS measures



Meeting Dynamics

- 42 of 49 parties in attendance
- U.S. w/leadership roles
 - Mr. Derek Campbell, Chair of the COC
 - Ms. Deirdre Warner-Kramer, Chair of the Convention Amendment Working Group

Panel 1 - Tropical Tunas

- Multi-Annual Conservation and Management Program for Tropical Tunas (14-01)
 - Includes skipjack in yellowfin/bigeye measure
 - Altered regional observer program
- Atlantic Tropical Tuna Tagging Program (14-02)
 - ~20 M euros over 5 years
 - Major support by EU
- Working Group on Fish Aggregating Devices

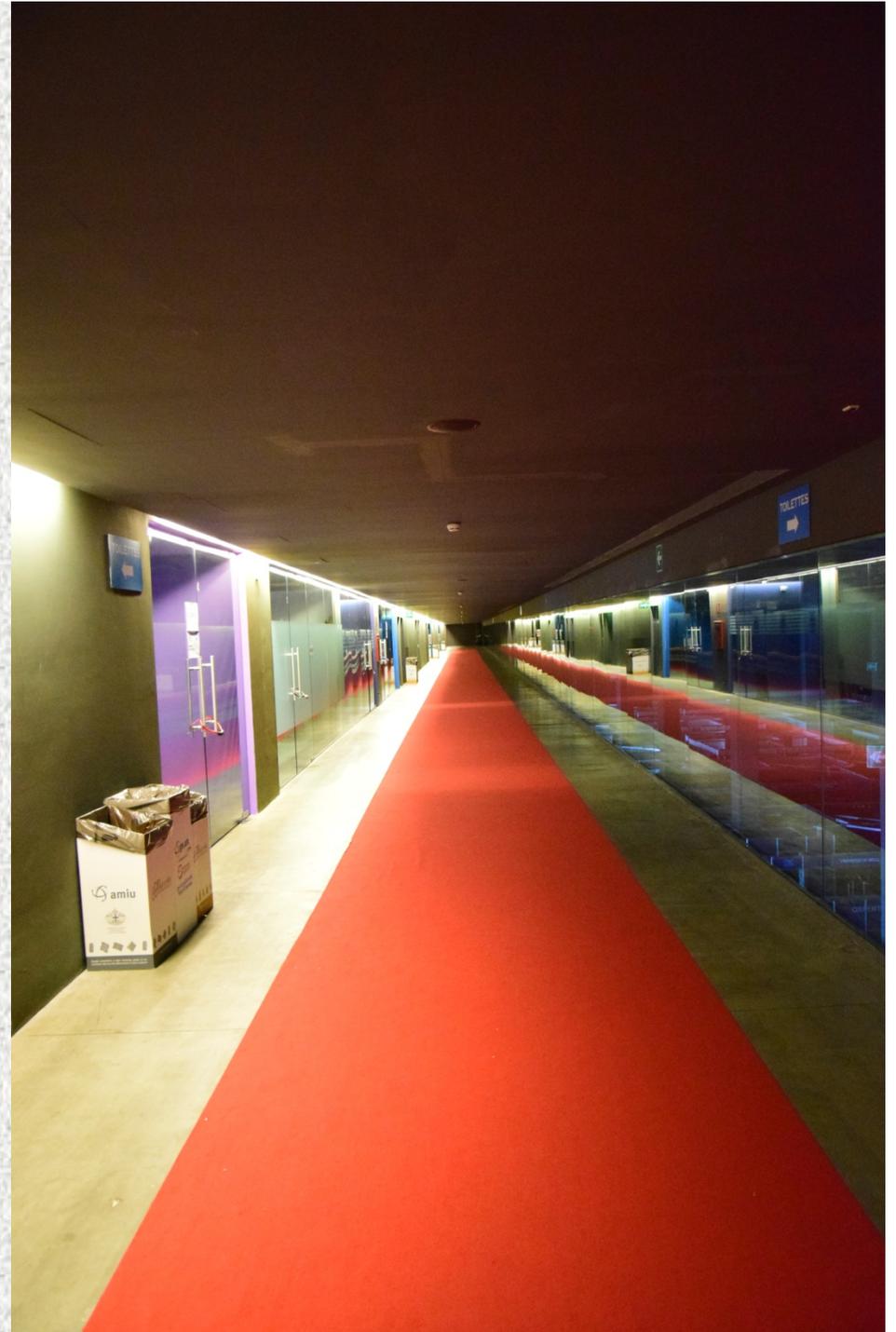


Panel 2 -Northern Temperate Tunas

- Western Atlantic Bluefin (14-05)
 - TAC raised from 1750 mt to 2000 mt for 2015 & 2016
- Eastern Atlantic Bluefin (14-04)
 - TAC raised from 13,400 mt to
 - 16,142 mt for 2015
 - 19,296 mt for 2016
 - 23,155 mt for 2017

(Note: Turkey objected to measure and set unilateral quotas for first time.)

- Panel 3 -- Southern Albacore
 - No action
- Panel 4 Other Species
 - Not much (adopted)



Panel 4 Sharks

- Adopted
 - Shortfin mako (14-06)
 - Does not cap landings
 - Improve reporting of mako shark catch and effort data; report on domestic actions to manage stocks
- Not adopted
 - Fins attached (13 parties sponsored)
 - Porbeagle proposals from EU and Canada

Permanent Working Group (PWG)

- Access agreements (14-07)
 - Strengthens previous requirements to notify ICCAT of such agreements
- Minimum standards for inspection in port (14-08)
 - Sets up a fund to support port inspections for developing member nations
- Minimum standards for VMS (14-09)
 - Reduces polling rate from 6 hours to 4 hours

- ICCAT vessel list (14-10)
 - Harmonizes existing ICCAT vessel list requirements
- Cross-listing of IUU vessels with other tuna RFMOs (14-11)
 - Specifies communication and procedure for cross-listing



Compliance Committee

- Identifications
 - None
 - Albania, Angola, Honduras identified in 2013, not identified in 2014
- Letters of Concern
 - 22 members
 - 3 non members
- No Action
 - 27 members (including United States)



Plenary

- Working group to prepare for 2nd independent performance review (14-12)
 - Establishes virtual ad hoc working group
- Standing working group dedicated to the dialogue between fisheries scientists and managers (14-13)
 - Amends 13-18
 - Provides suggested topics for future SWGSM meetings

- Meeting participation fund (14-14)
 - Amends 11-26 to allow one manager and one scientist to attend SWGSM meetings



2015 Issues on the Horizon

- Blue Shark Assessment
- Bigeye Tuna Assessment
- Marlin measure (12-04) expiring
- Any measures referred from 2015 intersessionals

2015 Commission Intersessionals

- Intersessional Meeting of Panel 2
 - February 23-24, Madrid, Spain
- Integrated Monitoring Measures WG
 - February 25-27, Madrid, Spain
- FAD Working Group
 - May 11-12, Madrid Spain
- 3rd Meeting of the Convention Amendment Working Group
 - May 18-22, Miami, USA
- Scientist-Manager Dialogue Meetings: SWG and WBFT
 - 22-26 June , Bilbao, Spain