

Agenda

Technical meeting to support the development of purse seine-related port monitoring programs in the Western and Central Pacific Convention area and adjacent ports

Meeting: March 23 and 24, 2010 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs@ Mita Kyoyo Kaigisho *aka* the "Mita House" Address: 2-1-8, Mita, Minato-ku, Tokyo, Japan Tel: 03-3455-7591

Meeting objective: Development of model sampling protocols and identification of key determinants to reduce uncertainty in purse seine landings from the central and western Pacific Ocean.

Deliverables: Development of a model sampling regime by flag States, port States, and/or Commission for regional unloading and transshipping sites, that includes, but may not be limited, to the exploration of costs and benefits of reducing levels of uncertainty with regard to species differentiation between bigeye and yellowfin tuna in WCPO purse seine catches.

Development of a sampling regime protocol that will allow the robust documentation of unloading/landings of catch by species that can be used to the estimation of total catch of the species by vessel and ideally linked to fishing vessel logbooks and observer records for scientific or stock assessment analysis.

Agreement of priority issues, means to address them and potential implementation arrangements including timelines and responsibilities

Day 1

Introductions, Japan to designate chair , agreement on an agenda and appointment of a rapporteur

Current situation wrt stock assessments and data gaps -SPC OFP - summary of T. Lawson's work

Current national or regional purse seine port sampling programs

1. Japan
2. US
3. Pacific Island – SPC OFP
4. PNG and/or FSM??
5. NGO-based efforts - ISSF
6. Industry comments - Japan, US, others??

Discussion of common elements / costs and short comings and positive elements of current port sampling programs.

Synthesis/matrix? of benefits and costs of current sampling and port monitoring efforts.

Development of model protocol to;

- 1) Improve species id at unloading sites
- 2)
- 3) Support the robust documentation of unloading/landings of catch by species that can be ideally linked to fishing vessel logbooks and observer records particularly with respect to set type and geographic location
- 4) Port unloading/landings data assimilation and dissemination
- 5) Role of Flag States, port States, and Commission

Day 2

Case application – to Thailand situation

Description of Thailand process – Japan Background paper from TCC5 and February consultations

Application of model sampling protocol to Thailand situation

General Application of sampling to WCPFC ports and other locations (e.g. Ecuador).

Needs assessment and costs? E.g for FSM?

Need for cooperation with other RFMOs, NGOs etc.

[Others ?]

Agreement of priority issues, means to address them, potential implementation arrangements including timelines and responsibilities and reporting to other CCMs [WCPFC Circular, SC6 and TCC6, liaison with other RFMOs, etc.]

Wrap up