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Meeting Minutes

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1. Preliminaries

1.1 Welcome/apologies/acceptance of agenda

1. The Chair opened the 44th meeting of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Management Advisory Committee and delivered an acknowledgement of country. SBTMAC 44 was a shortened teleconference via Microsoft Teams due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. The primary objective of the meeting was to discuss the comments received on the proposed SBT Plan amendment.
2. Apologies were received from Dr Bertie Hennecke and Mr Justin Nelligan.
3. Participants on the SBTMAC 44 teleconference included:

Table 1 Members, invited participants and observers in attendance at SBTMAC 44

Members	
Mr Max Kitchell	Chair
Mr Trent Timmiss	AFMA Member
Mr Terry Romaro OAM	Industry Member (Longline)
Mr Andrew Wilkinson	Industry Member (Farm industry sector)
Mr Marcus Stehr	Industry Member (Farm industry sector)
Mr Phil Turner	Industry Member
Mr Brett Cleary	Recreational/Charter Fishing Member
Mr Glenn Sant	Environment Member
Invited Participants	
Mr Brian Jeffriess AM	Australian SBT Industry Association
Prof Gavin Begg	State Government
Mr David Ellis	Tuna Australia
Observers	
Ms Ann Preece	Employee of CSIRO
Dr Campbell Davies	Employee of CSIRO
Mr Matt Daniel	AFMA
Executive Officer	
Ms Sarah Kirkcaldie	AFMA

Adoption of agenda

4. The agenda (Attachment 1) was adopted by SBTMAC without amendment.

1.2 Pecuniary interest declaration

5. The Chair stated that as outlined in the Fisheries Administration Act 1991 and Fisheries Management Paper 1, all members and invited participants of SBTMAC must declare any interests, not limited to just pecuniary gain, in the Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery as they relate to specific agenda items at the commencement of the meeting (Table 1). SBTMAC noted that if a member or invited participant discloses an interest in an agenda item, the person must absent

themselves from the meeting while SBTMAC makes a decision as to whether they can participate in the discussion and in the making of recommendations, or remain absent from the meeting for the agenda item. The attendees declared their conflict of interests as follows:

Table 2 Declared interests of members, invited participants and invited observers at SBTMAC 44

Name	Declared Interests	Agenda Items Relevant to Declared Interests
Members		
Mr Max Kitchell	Employed as the SBTMAC Chair. No pecuniary interest in the Fishery.	Nil
Mr Trent Timmiss	Employee of AFMA, no pecuniary interests in tuna fisheries.	Nil
Mr Terry Romaro OAM	Director of a company that owns SBT, ETBF & WTBF quota SFR's & a Fish Processing factory & a factory that recycles SBT waste in Pt Lincoln. Mr Romaro further advised he is also a member of Squid Resource Assessment Group and Tropical Tuna Management Advisory Committee (TTMAC) and an invited participant on the Tropical Tuna Resource Assessment Group (TTRAG). Mr Romaro attends Indian Ocean Tuna Commission & CCSBT meetings representing Industry & is a Director of Tuna Australia P/L.	6.1
Mr Andrew Wilkinson	General Manager of company that owns and operates a tuna farm/catching business.	6.1
Mr Marcus Stehr	Board member of Clean Seas, Board member of Australian Maritime and Fisheries Academy and Board member of Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association. Mr Stehr is also a Board member of the Seafood Industry Association. Mr Stehr is also an SBT quota holder.	6.1
Mr Brett Cleary	Trustee International Game Fishing Association and Life Member of Game Fishing Association of Australia [GFAA]*. Mr Cleary has no pecuniary interest in SBT Fishery. *Have or are funding research into SBT.	Nil
Mr Glenn Sant	Employee of Traffic Oceania, which has a collaboration agreement with the University of Wollongong, no pecuniary interest in SBT Fishery.	Nil
Executive Officer		
Ms Sarah Kirkcaldie	Employee of AFMA, no pecuniary interests in the Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery.	Nil
Invited Participants		
Mr Brian Jeffriess AM	CEO of Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association.	Nil
Mr David Ellis	CEO of Tuna Australia (industry association), Director of consultancy company (David Ellis and Associates).	6.1
Mr Phil Turner	Board member of the Sarin Group and represent Sarin Group who are quota holders	6.1
Prof Gavin Begg	Acting Executive Director, Fisheries and Aquaculture, PIRSA. No pecuniary interest in SBT fishery.	Nil
Observers		
Mr Matt Daniel (Observer)	Employee of AFMA, no pecuniary interest in SBT Fishery	Nil

Name	Declared Interests	Agenda Items Relevant to Declared Interests
Ms Ann Preece	Employee of CSIRO, undertake research in SBT Fishery.	Nil
Dr Campbell Davies	Employee of CSIRO, undertake research in SBT Fishery.	Nil

6. The following members declared interests under Agenda Item 6.1: Mr Terry Romaro OAM, Mr Andrew Wilkinson, Mr Marcus Stehr, Mr Phil Turner and Mr David Ellis.
7. As per requirements, the above MAC members, left the teleconference, and the remaining members of SBTMAC agreed that the members should be allowed to return to the teleconference for all discussions and recommendations made under Agenda Item 6.1.

1.3 Final minutes from SBTMAC 43 and July 2020 teleconference

8. SBTMAC noted the SBTMAC 43 minutes from the September 2019 meeting as a true and accurate account of the discussions. Members noted that the comments received on the draft minutes circulated in November 2019 were incorporated.
9. SBTMAC noted the July 2020 SBTMAC teleconference minutes as a true and accurate account of the discussions. Members noted that the comments received on the draft minutes circulated in August 2020 were incorporated.

1.4 Action arising SBTMAC 43, July 2020 teleconference and intersessional work

10. Members noted the status of the actions arising from SBTMAC 43 as outlined below:

Table 3 Actions arising from SBTMAC 43

	Action arising	Status
1	Recreational and commercial fishing interaction – ASBTIA and PIRSA to liaise with maritime safety to identify what can be done to resolve issues occurring from recreational and commercial fishing interactions. Mr Sloan agreed to circulate letter he wrote to Australian Maritime Safety Authority (AMSA) to make them aware of the situation between commercial and the recreational sector.	SBTMAC noted that the letter from Mr Sloan to AMSA was sent to members on 3 October 2019 and a response from AMSA was provided to members. Members noted that there is still a lot of interactions between Charter and Commercial operators. SBTMAC agreed that there are clear rules that should be followed (by both sectors) and if there is contravention of these rules then action needs to be taken. The

	Action arising	Status
		recreational member advised he had spoken to game fishers and asked for this issue to be discussed at club meetings.
2	“Life on the line” - The recreational member noted that the Al McGlashan’s SBT documentary “Life on the line” will be launched on 6 November 2019 at the IMAX theatre in Melbourne. SBTMAC members were encouraged to attend and the recreational member agreed to extend the invitation to all members.	Members noted that this item was completed and a verbal report was provided under agenda item 2.2.
3	Resource Sharing – Industry noted that they would seek clarification from the Department as they were advised that an SBT process will run in parallel to general policy.	SBTMAC members noted that this action was completed and would be discussed further under agenda item 6.1.
4	Climate change – At SBTMAC 43 members noted that the paper outlining the risk assessment methodology and the preliminary results of the analysis undertaken by CSIRO on plausible impact pathways relevant to the SBT did not include some of the changes suggested at the focus workshop in August. AFMA agreed to follow up to ensure the changes are incorporated.	SBTMAC members noted that this action was completed.

11. Members noted the status of the actions arising from the July 2020 teleconference as outlined below:

Table 4 Actions arising from July 2020 teleconference

	Action arising	Status
1	Amendment to the SBT Management Plan – The Conservation member suggested wording changes to the Explanatory Statement regarding attributable catch so that it aligned with the CCSBT language. The Conservation member agreed to provide words to AFMA so that the suggested changes could be incorporated.	SBTMAC members noted that this action was completed and the suggested changes were incorporated.

Intersessional work

12. The following items/issues have been progressed out-of-session since the last SBTMAC meeting on 25 September 2019:

- a) 3 October 2019, the acting Executive Officer circulated the draft minutes from SBTMAC 43 for comment;
- b) 5 November 2019, the Executive Officer forwarded a letter from Sean Sloan regarding the interactions between recreational, charter and commercial operators;

- c) 16 January 2020, the Executive Officer sent an email seeking comments on an ARC research proposal;
- d) 4 June 2020, the Executive Officer circulated an email seeking individual members comment on proposed changes to undercatch arrangements for the 2019/20 season;
- e) 22 July 2020, the Executive Officer sent an email seeking member availability for a SBTMC teleconference in July 2020;
- f) 27 July 2020, the Executive Officer circulated the draft agenda and papers for the teleconference to be held on 30 July 2020;
- g) 19 August 2020, the AFMA SBT Fishery Manager sent an email seeking individual members comments on the Annual Research Statement for the SBT Fishery;
- h) 24 August 2020, the acting Executive Officer circulated the draft minutes from the July 2020 teleconference for comment; and
- i) 25 August 2020, the Executive Officer circulated the proposed date and agenda for the SBTMAC 44 meeting.

2. State of the Fishery

2.1 Informal industry report on the 2019/20 catching season, markets and outlook

- 13. Industry members informed SBTMAC that since the last meeting in July 2020 the farm sector had finished the harvest and had sold all the fish and were preparing for the 2020/21 season.
- 14. The Tuna Australia representative informed the SBTMAC that the east coast longline sector had a busy August and as a result there was an oversupply of SBT on the Japanese market resulting in lower prices. Members noted that the prices had increased in September but the catch rate had slowed down.

2.2 Informal industry report from the recreational sector member

- 15. The recreational member noted that the restrictions as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic had impacted the recreational sector and in particular Victorian anglers.
- 16. The recreational member noted that the Tuna Champions project funded through the Fisheries Research and Development Corporation (FRDC) will conclude in July 2021. Members noted that the recreational sector is keen to continue the program and expand it further noting that they believe that the work they are doing is having a positive impact. The Industry invited participant praised how well the project has been run noting that the current output and ongoing work is of exceptional quality. The recreational member agreed to keep SBTMAC informed and noted that Tuna Champions will be having a meeting before the end of the year.

2.3 AFMA manager's report

17. The SBT manager noted that the longline sector has harvested about 775 tonnes of quota so far this season and that 523 tonnes of quota was still potentially available to be caught. It was anticipated that fishing in the longline sector for SBT would start to slow in coming months as warm currents move south and only another 80 tonnes of SBT is expected to be taken.

3. Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT)

3.1 Outcomes from the CCSBT Operating Model and Management Procedure Technical Meeting and 25th Extended Scientific Committee meeting (September 2020)

18. SBTMAC noted that the CCSBT Operating Model and Management procedure meeting and the 25th Extended Scientific Committee meeting were held virtually for the first time due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As it was a virtual meeting more industry members were able to participate but members noted that communication was difficult.
19. The CSIRO observer (Dr Davies) provided a summary of the meeting and reminded members that the outcomes are confidential until after the annual CCSBT Commission meeting on 16 October 2020.
20. SBTMAC noted that the majority of the discussion at the meetings focussed on the updated stock assessment and the running of the management procedure.
21. SBTMAC thanked CSIRO for all their hard work including technical discussions that had to be conducted at difficult times due to time differences.

4. Research issues

4.1 Proposed 2021/22 research program and priorities

22. The SBT manager reminded members that they considered the SBT Annual Research Plan out of session (August 2020) and considered the SBT Inter-sessional science 2021/22 project as essential for providing ongoing scientific advice to the Southern Bluefin Tuna MAC and AFMA. This work is necessary to support the adequate monitoring of SBT and ensure the success of future management arrangements in the fishery. The project also includes the routine otolith archiving, ageing and developing age-length keys for the Australian SBT surface fishery 2021/22 project that provides direct age estimates to the CCSBT via the data exchange process.
23. SBTMAC noted that these recommendations were subsequently considered by the AFMA Research Committee (ARC) and included in the call for research proposals, which will conclude by 30 October 2020 and will be discussed at the next ARC meeting in February 2021.
24. Members noted that the SBT Annual Research Plan also outlined a proposed design study to examine potential future electronic tagging programs to understand implications of changes in migration of SBT. SBTMAC members had previously endorsed this research and noted it is scheduled to be considered for funding by the FRDC as part of an upcoming funding round. The

CSIRO observer advised that this project was also discussed and supported at the recent CCSBT Scientific Committee meeting and the researchers will know in the next month if the CCSBT will fund this project. The recreational member stated that the recreational sector has enormous expertise in fish tagging and would like to be part of this research program noting their extensive network that could be used. CSIRO thanked the recreational member for the offer of assistance and agreed to further discuss the project with him. **(Action arising 1)**.

4.2 Research Mortality Allowance

25. SBTMAC noted that Australia did not request any Research Mortality Allowance for 2021.

5. Compliance update

5.1 Compliance update

26. The AFMA SBT Fishery Manager gave an update from the National Compliance Strategy section on compliance activities in the SBT fishery for the current fishing season. Members noted that the domestic farm sector received inspections from Primary Industries and Regions South Australia (PIRSA) and AFMA earlier this year, with no compliance issues identified. Members noted that during January 2020, two AFMA Fisheries Officers conducted a joint operation with PIRSA Fisheries Officers aboard PIRSA vessel, Southern Ranger. Eight at sea boarding inspections were completed, targeting Commonwealth Fishing Boats using purse seine methods to catch and transport juvenile SBT. No offences were detected.
27. AFMA compliance thanked the industry for their cooperation during the inspections and noted that it was the third season in a row with no breaches detected.
28. The SBT Manager advised that in future this paper will include the results of the audits that are conducted every year. Members noted that all companies are subjected to a level 1 audit and then two companies are selected for a level 2 audit. AFMA acknowledged that this process is very intense and time consuming for industry and noted that 11.1% of catch was audited with no anomalies in 2019/20. Industry members noted that they would appreciate any advice on how to improve systems in future years.
29. Industry members thanked AFMA for completing port briefings earlier in the year and requested that these continue in 2021.

6. Domestic management issues

6.1 SBT Plan amendment – Public comments received

30. SBTMAC considered the public exposure draft Southern Bluefin Tuna Fishery Management Amendment (Recreational Fishing) Plan 2020 and recommended to the AFMA Commission that it be released for public comment at the SBTMAC teleconference in July 2020.
31. Members noted that following the teleconference the AFMA Commission agreed to release the exposure draft for public comment for a minimum of one month in accordance with the requirements of the Fisheries Management Act 1991.
32. SBTMAC noted that the public comment period ended at 5pm on 7 September 2020 and a total of 27 written submissions were received.
33. Members noted that all written submissions were from organisations or individuals who either owned SBT statutory fishing rights (SFRs) or represented SFR owners. The submissions fully supported the proposed amendments, however, a number indicated that while they were supportive of the intent and the process going forward they resented the fact that 5% of the SFRs that they had purchased was now being taken away.
34. Members were advised that the only submission to call for any substantive change was from the Australian Southern Bluefin Tuna Industry Association (ASBTIA). ASBTIA requested that the Explanatory statement be modified to include the text in bold below:

“Clause 17.2 (and all other relevant clauses) would be amended to state that AFMA cannot set the TAC higher than 95 per cent of the CCSBT allocation. ***This (set aside) means that 95% of Australia’s CCSBT allocation will be set aside for the commercial sector.*** Effectively this will leave 5% of the CCSBT allocation for recreational catch, which will still be managed by the relevant state governments through management measures such as bag and possession limits.”

In their submission, ASBTIA noted this addition was consistent with text received in a letter from Assistant Minister Duniam relating to resource sharing.

35. SBTMAC noted that as is currently the case the AFMA Commission must first consider the CCSBT allocation and then agree to a TAC. Under the proposed amendments that could be up to a maximum of 95% of the CCSBT allocation for the commercial sector. The AFMA member noted that if CCSBT continues to set the global TAC using a science based approach through the Management Procedure it would be unlikely that the AFMA Commission would not set the maximum 95%.
36. The recreational member noted that he did not support the proposed addition to the explanatory statement because he thought that it was important to highlight that the AFMA Commission was not obligated to set the full 95% as the commercial TAC.
37. Most SBTMAC members agreed that given the positive comments received that no changes to the exposure draft are required however the modification to the explanatory statement, proposed by ASBTIA, should be included for clarity. The recreational member did not support this recommendation from SBTMAC.
38. SBTMAC noted the next steps for the Plan amendment include:

- the AFMA Commission considering the amendment for determination noting this meeting will be an in session (videoconference) as required under section 20 of the Fisheries Management Act 1991;
- if the Commission approve the Plan amendment the Chief Executive Officer will sign the amendment and the signed copy and other relevant documents will be provided to the Assistant Minister for consideration; and
- if the Plan amendment receives ministerial acceptance, the amendments will be gazetted and tabled in Parliament for a period of fifteen sitting days.

6.2 Environment update

CONVENTION ON MIGRATORY SPECIES

39. SBTMAC noted that the 13th Conference of Parties (CoP13) to the Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species (CMS) was held in India from 17 – 22 February 2020. A number of species proposals to Appendix I and Appendix II were agreed for which Australia is a range state, namely:
- Antipodean Albatross – Appendix I
 - Oceanic White-tip Shark – Appendix I
 - Smooth Hammerhead Shark – Appendix II
 - School Shark – Appendix II
40. Members noted that the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 (EPBC Act) requires that, once listed on either Appendix to the Convention, all species must be included on the list of migratory species established under the EPBC Act. Once listed as a migratory species under the EPBC Act, irrespective of whether it is listed on Appendix I or II, it becomes an offence to kill, injure, take or move the species in Commonwealth waters. For an Appendix II listing, this goes beyond the requirement under the Convention that range states endeavour to enter into agreements for these species.
41. Members noted that Australia already has strong domestic measures in place for the shark species that were added to Appendix II of the CMS. For example, the Smooth Hammerhead Shark is also listed on the Appendices to the Convention on the International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) which regulates trade of the species internationally. As such, the Smooth Hammerhead Shark is subject to an Australian Non-Detriment Finding that allows the export of 70 tonnes per year. Stringent management measures are also in place for the School Shark, following local evidence of a decline in the species. These measures have been effective in managing School Shark, with pupping area closures, gear restrictions, and a ban on targeting the species currently in place. Recreationally, these species are subject to strict bag limits imposed by State and Territory Governments. These domestic measures are considered appropriate for the management of these two species within Australian waters, and already go beyond the requirements of an Appendix II listing under the Convention. Accordingly, Australia submitted a reservation for the Smooth Hammerhead Shark and the School Shark. This means that the listings will not take effect within Australian waters, and the species will not be included on the migratory species list under the EPBC Act.
42. For the remaining two species that were included on Appendix I to the Convention for which Australia is a range state, it is important to note that Australia has a domestic treaty action process that is required to be undertaken when any species is added to the Appendices of the Convention. This will be completed prior to the inclusion of any additional species on the migratory species list, noting that the Antipodean Albatross is already on the migratory species list under the EPBC Act due to its previous inclusion on Appendix II of the CMS in 1997. Australia can lodge a reservation to listings as long as it occurs within the 90 day period following the conclusion of the meeting. The EPBC Act – includes a domestic requirement that species listed

in either CMS Appendix must be added to the list of migratory species under the Act. Details of the outcomes can be found at: <https://www.cms.int/en/news/cms-cop13-concludes-india-major-new-actions-migratory-species>

43. Members noted that the listing of Ocean White-tip shark should not impact the Australian Fisheries as they are already a no take species due to WCPFC and IOTC rules.
44. Members also discussed the need to have foreign longline fleets improve their seabird performance. The AFMA member noted that these boats were subject to IOTC or WCPFC seabird rules already and implementing e-monitoring would be crucial to enforcing these rules.

ECOLOGICAL RISK MANAGEMENT (ERM) STEERING GROUP

45. SBTMAC noted that Dr Dave Smith, was appointed as the new Chair of the ERM Steering Group by the AFMA Commission at their September 2019 meeting. The group met on 17 June 2020 to consider outcomes from Dr Beth Fulton's review of international ERA methodology. Members noted that the group will meet in November 2020 to formally consider and recommend improvements to the methodology if needed.

US MARINE MAMMAL IMPORT RULE

46. SBTMAC noted that the US MMPA Import Provisions implements aspects of the Marine Mammal Protection Act that aim to reduce marine mammal bycatch associated with international commercial fishing operations, by requiring nations exporting fish and fish products to the United States to be held to the same standards as U.S. commercial fishing operations.
47. Key points to note for Australian Fisheries:
 - The new measures have been formally endorsed but do not take effect until 1 January 2022.
 - The first stage of implementation involved Australia providing a suite of information to the US on how Australia manages its commercial fisheries with regard to marine mammal interactions. The US used this information to assess and categorise Australia's fisheries as either 'exempt' or 'export'.
 - Exempt fisheries include those that are considered as having limited interactions with marine mammals (e.g. lobster pot fishery in South Australia). Fisheries considered to have an impact on marine mammal are classified as export. Australia is then required to have compatible management measures with what the US imposes on their fisheries, in order to be able to import produce into the US.

48. AFMA advised that they are currently working with the Department of Agriculture, Water and Environment to update detailed information for our fisheries to feed back into the US assessment process. It is expected that following this assessment a number of fisheries currently listed as Export will become exempt. If following this update fisheries are still considered export there will be an opportunity to complete a comparability finding for a fishery to allow it to continue to export to the US. Full details of the process are available here: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/foreign/international-affairs/list-foreign-fisheries>.

EXPLORATORY FISHERIES POLICY (FMP5) REVIEW

49. Members noted that AFMA is currently reviewing its policy and processes for the exploration and development of unexplored or unallocated fish resources in the Commonwealth jurisdiction. Public comment on the draft policy closed in March 2020. Clearance through the MACs is currently on hold pending recommencement of face to face meetings. After the MACs have considered and provided comment on the policy it will be provided to the AFMA Commission for approval.

ECONOMIC WORKING GROUP (EWG)

50. AFMA advised members that the AFMA Commission revised the EWG Terms of Reference (TOR) in September 2019 and has appointed AFMA Commissioner Scott Spencer at the new EWG Chair, and AFMA Commissioner Sevaly Sen as invited participant. The next EWG meeting will be September 2020 where they will consider fishery specific economic indicators.

7. Other Business

51. No other business was raised at SBTMAC 44.

8. Next meeting

52. Members agreed that the next SBTMAC meeting should be held in September 2021 with a date to be confirmed next year.
53. The SBTMAC Chair thanked the members, invited participants and observers and closed the meeting at 12:26 pm.

Meeting of the Southern Bluefin Tuna Management Advisory Committee (SBTMAC 44)

Thursday 17 September 2020

10.00 am – 2.00pm

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