

Pew has examined the recommendations of the independent performance reviews of ICCAT,² IATTC,³ and WCPFC⁴ and compared these recommendations to subsequent actions taken by the RFMOs to design and adopt harvest strategies, science-based stock management, and compliance measures, as well as to end and prevent illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing. The results of our examination show that across all three considered RFMOs, implementation has been deficient, particularly for ending and preventing overfishing and rebuilding depleted stocks. Progress towards comprehensive harvest strategies has been slow,

ICCAT has had mixed implementation of recommendations to improve management of Atlantic billfishes. Sailfish management has been more closely aligned to the scientific advice, while marlin management has not. Data collection for both billfishes and sharks, however, has recently been augmented to incorporate new check sheets to better inform managers and scientists about these vulnerable stocks.⁹

The review also included

tuna in 2018, after several years of stalemate over how to arrest the decline of the stock. 18 On

Pew looks forward to participating as an observer in the upcoming 14th Informal Consultative Process for States Parties of the Fish Stocks Agreement and to supporting the efforts to improve the performance reviews for all RFMOs/As around the world.

Thank you for your consideration of the above,

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