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Proposal by US Commissioners relating to the future of the Commission

Changes in jurisdiction over, and the management of, fisheries resources in waters adjacent to the coast of the United States and other coastal states are expected to occur in the near future. These anticipated changes may have an impact on the participation of the United States in ICNAF, and on the future of the Commission in general.

The US Commissioners, therefore, propose that the agenda for the Annual Meeting include an item for full discussion of the future of the Commission and the potential role of the Commission under extended coastal state jurisdiction over fisheries resources.

The United States may, *inter alia*, wish to propose the renegotiation of the Convention at an early date.