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FFA members – Comments on WCPFC9 Agenda

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Dear Professor Hurry,

FFA Member's proposed changes to the Provisional Agenda for WCPFC9

I write in my capacity as the Chair of the Forum Fisheries Committee on behalf of the 17 FFA Members. FFA members thank the Secretariat and Chair for making the provisional agenda for WCPFC9 available well in advance of the meeting for consideration by CCMs.

As conveyed in previous correspondence, FFA members are keen to ensure that the time and focus of the Commission at its meetings is directed at areas of highest priority. We are also keen to rationalise the workload of meetings through reduced agendas that allow sufficient time to adequately deal with the conservation and management of the region's fisheries. To that end, please find attached our proposed revision of the provisional agenda for circulation to all CCMs.

CCMs will note that we propose a new structure that would lessen the time and detail for reports from subsidiary bodies. We believe it will be better to address any recommendations or issues from the subsidiary bodies when addressing specific agenda items rather than taking detailed Chairs' reports at the start of the meeting. The additional items contained under the agenda items relating to each subsidiary body are from our brief review of the meeting reports, and there may be additional items.

We have also sought to include all relevant agenda items for a given subject together, such as the proposed Agenda Item 4, which contains all VMS matters whereas in the past these have been contained in several different parts of the agenda.

We recognise that it will be equally as important to ensure that the indicative schedule also reflects the relative priority of each item and we are of the view that the proposed restructuring will assist in that regard as well. We look forward to reviewing the indicative schedule as it is developed.

Please circulate this letter to all CCMs.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Matoto', written in a cursive style.

Dr Sione Vailala Matoto
Chair
Forum Fisheries Committee

FFA Members Proposed Changes to the Provisional Agenda for WCPFC9

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1 Welcoming addresses
- 1.2 Adoption of agenda
- 1.3 Meeting arrangements
- 1.4 Action items from WCPFC8
- 1.5 Intercessional decisions
- 1.6 Items for discussion by exception
- 1.8 Special requirements of developing States
- 1.9 Report of the Executive Director on the work of the Commission

AGENDA ITEM 2. MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPLICATIONS

- 2.1 Status of the Convention
- 2.2 Applications for Observer status
- 2.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member status

AGENDA ITEM 3. REPLACEMENT MEASURE for CMM 2008-01 / CMM 2011-01

- 3.1 Review of the impact of CMM 2008-01/ CMM 2011-01
- 3.2 Consideration of the Chair's draft CMM

AGENDA ITEM 4. VESSEL MONITORING SYSTEM

- 4.1 Report From The VMS Small Working Group
- 4.2 Annual Report
- 4.3 Cost rationalisation
- 4.4 FLICK THE SWITCH
- 4.5 VMS Manual Reporting

AGENDA ITEM 5. COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME

- 5.1 Compliance with conservation and management measures
 - Proposed Final CMR (Provisional CMR and additional information)
 - Revised Annual Report Part 2 template, including online interface, and proposed addendum to Annual Report Part 1, proposed creation of Assistant Compliance Manager
- 5.2 Amendments to CMM 2011-06

AGENDA ITEM 5 – PROPOSED WCPFC IUU LIST FOR 2013

AGENDA ITEM 6. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

- 6.1 South Pacific Albacore
- 6.2 CMM 2010-05 Sharks
- 6.3 Prohibition of purse seine fishing associated with whale sharks
- 6.4 CMM 2007-04 Seabirds
- 6.5 Charter notification CMM
- 6.6 Catch documentation scheme
- 6.7 WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorization to Fish (extend interim carrier and bunker register)

AGENDA ITEM 7. JOINT MANAGEMENT ARRANGEMENT WITH IATTC FOR OVERLAP AREA

AGENDA ITEM 8. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE TO WCPFC

- 8.1 Update on swordfish stock assessment
- 8.2 Recommendation on management of south west Pacific striped marlin
- 8.3 Recommendation on assessment of north Pacific striped marlin

AGENDA ITEM 9. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE TO WCPFC

- 9.1 Report of the ROP Technical Advisory Group.
- 9.2 Eastern High Seas Pocket
- 9.3 Response to Reported Fishing Gear Damages

AGENDA ITEM 10. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM NORTHERN COMMITTEE TO WCPFC

- 10.1 Revised CMM on Pacific bluefin tuna
- 10.2 Recommendation on implementing CMM on Regional Observer program north of 20N

AGENDA ITEM 11. AD HOC TASK GROUP – DATA

- 11.1 Meeting of the AHTG in 2013

AGENDA ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

- 12.1 Budget approval for 2013 and indicative budgets for 2014 and 2015
- 12.2 Guidelines for the hosting of meetings

AGENDA ITEM 13. STRATEGIC ISSUES

- 13.1 Report of the Management Objectives Workshop
- 13.2 WCPFC Independent Performance Review

AGENDA ITEM 14. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 14.1 Future structure of the Commission meetings
- 14.2 Election of officers
- 14.3 Venue for next meeting

AGENDA ITEM 15. OTHER MATTERS

AGENDA ITEM 16. SUMMARY REPORT

AGENDA ITEM 17. CLOSE OF MEETING