



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,  
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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**SPC's Notification of Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme Cruise Planning Advisory  
Committee**

Dear All,

As requested, I forward an SPC's official circular on establishing the Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme Cruise Planning Advisory Committee, its membership and the first Advisory Committee meeting notice.

Please contact Bruno Leroy (BrunoL@spc.int) as soon as possible if you wish to attend the first Advisory Committee meeting which is scheduled to be held between 11:00am – 12:30 pm (Pohnpei Time) on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020.

Please contact Bruno Leroy if you have any questions.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "Feleti Penitala Teo".

**Feleti Penitala Teo, OBE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

26/08/2020

**Subject: Notification of Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme Cruise Planning Advisory Committee**

Dear WCPFC Members, Observers, and Interested Parties,

Considerable planning and liaison (at all levels of administration) with WCPFC members are required annually for the successful implementation of the **WCPFC Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme (WCPFC-PTTP) and other associated research activities**. To assist with the operational planning of the WCPFC-PTTP SPC would like to establish an Advisory Committee comprising of participants with an interest or function in the annual implementation of PTTP Research Cruises. The Advisory Committee will assist with organising the logistics associated with cruise implementation and also provide input into and planning guidance for future research activities and priorities. It will also provide a tool for WCPFC members to increase their participation in PTTP planning as per the request from members at SC16.

SPC would like to invite you (and/or alternates) to participate in this Advisory Committee. The Terms of Reference for this Advisory Committee are provided in Annex 1 of this invitation and the standing agenda as Annex 2. The Advisory Committee will meet quarterly, using virtual meeting tools such as Zoom or Microsoft Teams. However, the frequency of meeting will be subject to availability of participants and the timing of PTTP research cruises.

We are proposing that the first meeting be held between **11:00 am – 12:30 pm (Pohnpei Time) on 27<sup>th</sup> October 2020** (subject to availability of participants) and the following tentative dates for 2021:

11:00-12:30 (Pohnpei Time) on 2 February 2021  
11:00-12:30 (Pohnpei Time) on 27 April 2021  
11:00-12:30 (Pohnpei Time) on 6 July 2021  
11:00-12:30 (Pohnpei Time) on 26 October 2021

Those wishing to participate are requested to register with **Bruno Leroy (BrunoL@spc.int)** as soon as possible. SPC will provide login credentials for each of the Committee meetings. They will provide a reminder email of meeting times and dates to all those who are registered as Committee participants once meeting dates and times are confirmed.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Graham Pilling  
**DEPUTY DIRECTOR**  
**FISHERIES AQUACULTURE AND MARIBE ECOSYSTEMS DIVISION**

## Annex 1

### Terms of Reference WCPFC Pacific Tuna Tagging Programme Cruise Planning Advisory Committee

#### Purpose

This is a voluntary Advisory Committee organised and managed by SPC. It is not a formal meeting of the WCPFC. It is established to assist SPC and WCPFC members with undertaking yearly PTTP Research Cruise planning and implementation. The Committee's role is Advisory only. Participants will contribute to setting cruise operational objectives (e.g. cruise options within EEZs), facilitating permits and access to bait grounds, developing beneficial collaborations with industry, and organising participation by national officers and observers, within the monetary, logistical and technical constraints inherent within the PTTP. The Committee will also contribute to tag recovery strategies and assist with fostering productive collaborations to enhance participation by WCPFC members in the work plan of the PTTP (including dialogue between WCPFC associated programmes).

#### Committee Procedures

- The Advisory Committee will meet electronically using virtual meeting tools such as Zoom and Microsoft Teams.
- SPC will chair the meeting and provide a summary report after each meeting to all registered Advisory Committee members, including those unable to attend. A compilation of the reports will be an Annex of the Annual Report of the PTTP and included as an Agenda item of the PTTP Steering Committee.
- Membership of the Committee is open to all members of WCPFC, WCPFC observers and invited experts.
- The Advisory Committee will work within the annual mandate of the PTTP set by the PTTP Steering Committee and WCPFC Science Committee.

## **Annex 2**

### **Agenda WCPFC PTTT Cruise Planning Advisory Committee**

1. Welcome, Preliminaries and Non-Agenda Actions from last meeting
2. Cruise Planning
  - a. Current PTTT Resources
  - b. Tagging Cruise Plan Options
  - c. Cruise Specific Objectives
  - d. Vessel Availability
  - e. Cruise Implementation: access and permitting
  - f. Cruise Participation
  - g. Industry Assistance and Cooperation
3. Tag Recovery
  - a. Recovery sources
  - b. Incentive schemes
  - c. Media/Promotion
4. Tag seeding
5. Analyses and Reporting
  - a. WCPFC member participation
  - b. Industry participation
6. Other WCPFC Associated Activities
7. Other Matters