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

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TCC18 Provisional Agenda and Meeting Preparations

Dear Colleagues,

Following the Commission's decision to convene an online meeting for TCC18 (Circular 2022/39), I am pleased to invite Members, Cooperating Non-Members, Participating Territories (CCMs) and Observers to participate in the online Eighteenth Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee from 21 to 27 September 2022. Participants are requested to register for the online TCC18 meeting at the following link: https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc18

I have worked with the TCC Vice Chair and the Secretariat to develop a Provisional Agenda for TCC18 (WCPFC-TCC18-2022-02), attached to this circular and also posted to the TCC18 meeting page https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc18 with the circulation of this circular.

CCMs will recall that WCPFC18, in extending the Compliance Monitoring Scheme CMM for a further two years (CMM 2021-03), agreed to defer the Compliance Monitoring Report (CMR) assessment review process (provisional CMR and final CMR process) in 2022 so that TCC can dedicate appropriate time to the completion of CMS Future Work components (WCPFC18 summary report, para 92i). As such, the TCC18 agenda and schedule will look a little different to previous meetings.

I note that the CMS-IWG Chair, TCC Vice Chair Emily Crigler, along with the leads on the audit points and risk-based assessment framework (RBAF) workstreams, Rhea Moss-Christian and Heather Ward respectively, have provided advice on the process for this important work in the lead up to TCC18 (refer Circular 2022/35). I commend the leadership of Emily, Rhea and Heather and I strongly encourage all CCMs to actively engage in this work to ensure that TCC can make significant progress on these bodies of work, and the broader CMS reform work this year. I am particularly keen for TCC18 to be able to provide clear advice to the Commission on how all the aspects of the CMS will fit together for the implementation of an effective CMR review process in 2023. I also note that a number of

other issues on the TCC18 agenda, in particular the work of the ERandEMWG, will be relevant to the critical CMS reform work.

I am working with the CMS-IWG Chair, the Audit Point and RBAF leads, and the Secretariat to consider how to most effectively structure the TCC18 schedule to progress this work – hence I will provide advice on the meeting arrangements, including meeting timing, within the coming weeks.

Online Discussion Forum

Once again, the Online Discussion Forum (ODF) will be a critical part of the delivery of TCC18.

The ODF will commence one month before TCC18 (Monday 22 August 2022) and will provide an important platform for preparatory and supplementary work that will enable us to best utilise the limited time available in the Zoom plenary. A list of TCC18 ODF topics will be provided prior to commencement of the forum, but in summary:

- The regular reports that the Secretariat prepares (including the Executive Director's Annual Report) will be included in the ODF with issues to be raised to plenary by exception only.
- Consideration of Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) applications will be undertaken through the ODF and reported to plenary.
- Delegation papers or proposals may be considered through the ODF.

As with last year, there will be opportunity for plenary discussion of ODF items where necessary under relevant agenda items.

I would welcome nominations for a chair for the CNM-SWG by Friday 19 August 2022. The CNM-SWG Chair will facilitate ODF consideration of CNM applications and prepare recommendations for consideration by the TCC18 plenary.

CCMs are requested to **provide delegation papers/proposals and/or requests for additional ODF topics** at least 30 days ahead of the meeting, such that **by Sunday 21 August 2022**.
- Where a CCM requests creation of an ODF topic, they will be responsible for facilitating discussion and presenting summary of discussions and proposed recommendations to plenary where required.

The TCC18 ODF will remain open through the TCC18 meeting to facilitate meeting discussions.

TCC18 participants must be registered and approved for the TCC18 meeting in order to participate in the ODF. Support for registrations and using Zoom is available from the [Online Meeting Resources](#) helpdesk.

Break-out meetings

As with the virtual meetings undertaken last year, there is some capacity for break-out Zoom sessions to be convened on specific issues, however opportunities will be very limited and reserved for high priority issues.

TCC18 Heads of Delegation meeting

As per standard practice, I seek to convene a meeting of TCC18 Heads of Delegations (HODs) the day before TCC18 (Tuesday 20 September from 4 to 5:30pm Pohnpei time) to confirm key details ahead of the commencement of TCC. An agenda for this meeting will be provided in due course.

Support for registrations and using Zoom is available from the Online Meeting Resources helpdesk.

All related enquiries about the TCC18 meeting should be addressed to the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int.

Once again, I regret that we are unable to meet in person. While the world is slowly starting to open up, I do recognise that travel remains difficult, and the COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a significant impact on countries throughout our region. Nevertheless, I am confident that TCC18 will be a productive meeting that will achieve the progress that the Commission expects of us this year.

Kind regards,

Mat Kertesz
TCC CHAIR

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1   OPENING OF MEETING
    1.1   Welcome
    1.2   Adoption of agenda
    1.3   Meeting arrangements

AGENDA ITEM 2   ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR *Overview report of the WCPFC MCS and Compliance Programmes, will be taken as read*

AGENDA ITEM 3   IUU VESSEL LIST

AGENDA ITEM 4   CNM REQUESTS
    4.1   Assess applications for CNM status and provide recommendations and advice on CNM applications

AGENDA ITEM 5   MONITORING AND REVIEW OF COMPLIANCE
    5.1   Review progress of the work included in the multi-year workplan of tasks to enhance the Compliance Monitoring Scheme by the CMS-IWG (CMM 2021-03 Section IX, WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 352, TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task f)
        (a) Develop audit points to clarify the assessment of existing obligations under the CMS

        (b) Develop a risk-based assessment framework to inform compliance assessments and ensure obligations are meeting the objectives of the Commission

        (c) Develop guidelines for participation of observers in closed meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies which consider the Compliance Monitoring Report

        (d) Develop corrective actions to encourage and incentivize CCM's compliance with the Commission's obligations, where non-compliance is identified

(e) Advice and recommendations related to the process for reviewing the aggregated information referred to in CMM 2021-03 paragraph 26(ii) drawn from the online Compliance Case File System

(f) Advice on appropriate compliance assessment decision-making processes

5.2   Advice and recommendations related to TCC19's consideration of the Compliance Monitoring Report that assesses CCMs' compliance over the previous 2-year reporting period (RY2021 and RY2022) (WCPFC18 Summary Report, para 352 (v), CMM 2021-03)

5.3   Advice and recommendations related to the continued development of the Commission's Information Management System to support implementation of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme with the aim of making it more efficient and effective by streamlining processes (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task i)
(a) Update on enhancements to the online Compliance Case File System and 2022-2023 project to enhance Secretariat analytical capacity and associated integrated-IMS tools to support the Compliance Monitoring Scheme and MCS activities of members (*paper will be taken as read*)

5.4   Provide advice on CMMs that need revision to improve compliance and monitoring, including those for which interpretation issues have been identified through the CMS process (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task g)
(a) Advice on the baseline period or limit for the Indonesia Large Fish Handline Fishery (WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 144, CMM 2021-01 paragraph 47)

5.5   Review and provide advice on improvements to the ROP data fields, including those in ROP pre-notifications, to allow for more useful consideration in the Compliance case file system and compliance review process (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task j)
(a) Advice on improvements to ROP minimum standard data fields for whale sharks and cetaceans to allow for a distinction between an interaction and a possible infraction in the compliance case file system

AGENDA ITEM 6   TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE MATTERS ARISING FROM COVID-19 RELATED INTERSESSIONAL DECISIONS

6.1   Review available information on the implementation of Intersessional Decisions taken in response to COVID-19 in 2021/22 (WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 75 and WCPFC SS4) and provide recommendation and advice

AGENDA ITEM 7   TECHNICAL MATTERS REQUIRING TCC ADVICE, INCLUDING WITH RESPECT TO IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATIVE MCS AND ENFORCEMENT *will include update reports from the relevant IWG/TCC WGs that will be taken as read*

7.1   Review information about scientific data provision (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task b) *(paper will be taken as read)*

7.2   Enhance how CCM's and Secretariat's VMS practices integrate to facilitate ongoing monitoring and compliance with CMM 2014-02 (VMS) (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task m)

(a) Advice on future work to enable direct/simultaneous VMS reporting by vessels/ALCs reporting to the WCPFC VMS

7.3   Review and provide advice on the trial CCFS messaging tool to track observer report requests and responses, as part of TCC task to develop improved mechanisms for the flow of observer information from ROP Providers to CCMs needing such information for their investigations (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task n)

7.4   Advice and recommendations related to the continued development of the Commission's Information Management System to support MCS activities, including exploration of IMS data submission and extraction tools (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task i)

(a) Update on RFV upgrade (IT-related systems consolidation) *(paper will be taken as read)*

7.5   Provide advice on outputs from the ER and EM Working Group, including those related to existing obligations, data gaps and the prioritization of ER and EM and draft minimum standards for electronic monitoring (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task r)

7.6   Review the ongoing work of relevant IWG/TCC WGs related to reviews of existing CMMs (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 core business task h) or through work led by Members

(a) CMM 2009-06 Transhipment (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task q,WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 309)

(b) CMM 2015-02 South Pacific albacore (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task d, WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 322)

(c) CMM 2009-03 Southwest Pacific swordfish (WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 229)

(d) CMM 2010-01 North Pacific striped marlin (WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 242)

(e) CMM 2021-04 Charter Notification Scheme (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task c)

7.7   Provide advice on intersessional work to improve crew safety, including advice on the development of a draft CMM (TCC Workplan 2022-2024 Priority project specific task e, WCPFC18 Summary Report paragraph 320)

AGENDA ITEM 8   SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES

      8.1   Monitor obligations relating to, and support building the capacity of, SIDS and territories – (TCC Workplan 2022-2024)

AGENDA ITEM 9   ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

      9.1   Anticipated forecast of Secretariat work commitments for TCC
      9.2   Update of TCC Workplan 2022 – 2024 (*if needed*)
      9.3   Update on WCPFC IT/VMS Security Audit
      9.4   Next meeting

AGENDA ITEM 10   OTHER MATTERS FOR TCC ADVICE ARISING FROM THE TCC18 ONLINE DISCUSSION FORUM
This agenda item is intended to provide a limited opportunity to consider outcomes on other topics from the TCC18 online discussion forum.

AGENDA 11   CLEARANCE OF TCC18 RECOMMENDATIONS

AGENDA 12   CLOSE OF MEETING