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**CNM PARTICIPATORY RIGHTS (should CNM status be accorded)**

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**Submitted by the Chair of Small Group on CNM Participatory Rights**

**Belize**

WCPFC6 agreed to approve CNM status for Belize. WCPFC6 agreed that Belize would limit catches of bigeye tuna to its average catch levels over the period of 2001-04 to 803.25 mt; limit catches of yellowfin tuna to 2000 mt; and that its fishing activities would be limited to:

- Under CMM 2005-02 for South Pacific albacore in accordance with paragraph 1, in the Convention Area south of 20 degrees South, limited to historical catch level for 2004 of 2 longliners;
- Under CMM 2005-03 for North Pacific albacore in the Convention Area north of the Equator, limited to 2005 level of 5 longliners; and
- Under CMM 2006-04 for striped marlin in the Southwest Pacific, in the Convention Area south of 15 degrees South, limited to 2 longliners.

**El Salvador**

WCPFC6 agreed to approve CNM status for El Salvador. WCPFC6 agreed that El Salvador fishing activities would be limited to four purse seine vessels in the Convention Area fishing in the EEZs of WCPFC Members subject to those vessels being placed on the Record and such opportunities becoming available. WCPFC6 agreed that in addition, under CMM 2008-01, El Salvador's fishing on the high seas in the Convention Area is limited to 29 days of fishing.

**Senegal**

WCPFC6 agreed to approve CNM status for Senegal. WCPFC6 agreed that Senegal's fishing activities in the Convention Area would be limited to one longline vessel (the *Robaliera*), which was fishing in the Convention Area in 2005. Noting the concern regarding the species composition of the catches reported by Senegal in WCPFC6-2009/09 (Rev. 1), WCPFC6 tasked the Secretariat to examine the very high catches of skipjack reported by the *Robaliera* in 2006, and inconsistent ratios of reported swordfish to shark catches, and, in light of any new information, calculate the swordfish catch limits

that would apply to Senegal pursuant to the swordfish measure and the catch limit circulated to all CCMs.

### **Mexico**

WCPFC6 agreed to approve CNM status for Mexico. WCPFC6 agreed that Mexico's fishing activities in the Convention Area would be limited to not more than six purse-seine vessels fishing only in the EEZs of WCPFC Members, in accordance with appropriate bilateral agreements. WCPFC6 encouraged Mexico to participate in the work of the Northern Committee and cooperate fully with WCPFC Members in the conservation and management of Pacific bluefin tuna;

### **Vietnam**

WCPFC6 agreed to approve CNM status for Vietnam. Noting the need for cooperation between Vietnam and the Commission to achieve compatibility of fisheries management and conservation, WCPFC6 agreed to grant CNM status to Vietnam for 2010 on the understanding that CNM status would only relate to the acquisition and exchange of fishery information and data and that Vietnam would require assistance in that regard.

### **Ecuador**

WCPFC6 agreed to approve CNM status for Ecuador. At the time of making the decision, WCPFC6 had not received sufficient data to be able to confirm an applicable purse seine days limit for Ecuador for the high seas for 2010. Consequently Ecuador will be limited to zero days during 2010. WCPFC6 noted that as soon as Ecuador provides to the Commission all relevant catch and effort data that would enable the WCPFC Secretariat to calculate and verify an applicable vessel days limit pursuant to CMM 2008-01 for yellowfin tuna and bigeye tuna, this limit will be appropriately adjusted and circulated to all CCMs.

WCPFC6 agreed the following conditions for acceptance of Ecuador's CNM status:

1. Participatory rights are limited to no more than 10 vessels that shall operate exclusively in waters under the jurisdiction of the coastal States from which they receive licenses.
2. All vessels will be equipped with Commission and FFA VMS which shall be operational at all times while the vessels are in the Convention Area.
3. The Government of Ecuador provides assurances that it will comply with all requests from Commission members for information and documentation to investigate cases of possible illegal fishing.

### **Indonesia**

WCPFC6 agreed to approve CNM status for Indonesia. WCPFC6 agreed that Indonesia's fishing activities in the Convention Area and in archipelagic waters would be limited to, in accordance with CMM 2008-01, a longline big eye catch limit of 8,413mt (less 20 per cent) and purse seine fishing on the high seas in the Convention Area is limited to 500 days.

WCPFC6 encouraged Indonesia to apply compatible measures within its archipelagic waters given that the significance of these waters for juvenile yellowfin and bigeye catch. WCPFC6 noted that Indonesia is a recipient of the new GEF WPEA OFM project, through the Commission, and encouraged Indonesia to work with the Commission particularly in areas of data collection improvement.