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CHAIR'S REPORT – SMALL GROUP ON CMM-2004-01 (RECORD OF FISHING VESSELS AND AUTHORIZATION TO FISH)

WCPFC4-2007/32 (Rev.1)

7 December 2007

Recommendations from working group process (noting very low participation in second meeting)

1. The Commission should defer consideration of establishing a record of non-CCM carrier and bunker vessels.
2. The Commission should refer the original proposal from the Republic of Marshall Islands, as amended in paragraphs 1(c), 1(d), 11 to 16 and 19 to 22 of WCPFC4-2007/28 should be referred to TCC4 to inform consideration.
3. The Commission should encourage interested CCMs to work together before TCC4 to continue to develop this measure for adoption in 2008.
4. The Commission should extend the current exemption for non-CCM carrier and bunker vessels for 2008 pending the work recommended above.
5. The Commission should decide to establish an active vessel list at this meeting. Suggested language for the report of the Commission is:

Before 1 July of each year, each member of the Commission shall submit to the Executive Director a list of all vessels that appeared in its record of fishing vessels at any time during the preceding calendar year, together with each vessel's registration number, WIN and an indication of whether each vessel fished for highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area beyond its area of national jurisdiction. The indication shall be expressed as: (a) fished; or (b) did not fish.

Members of the Commission that operate joint-venture or charter arrangements that result in data reporting obligations being conferred to a party other than the flag state will make arrangements to ensure that the flag state can meet its obligations under paragraph 7 above.

The WCPFC Record of Active Fishing Vessels shall identify those fishing vessels so listed that were active in the Convention Area in the preceding year, consistent with the information provided by members of the Commission under paragraph XX above.

The Executive Director shall use available information, including the information supplied by members of the Commission under paragraph xx above, to assist in the assessment of the implementation of relevant conservation and management measures, and resolutions for the annual consideration of the Technical and Compliance Committee.

6. The Commission should note that some CCMs will not be able to provide full information in 2008.
7. The Commission should consider the establishment of a real time active vessel list at some stage in the future as part of an integrated MCS package.