



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

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**Date: 5 October 2022**  
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Dear All,

**WCPFC19 Provisional Agenda**

Further to Circular 2022/69 of 3 October 2022, I am pleased to enclose for distribution the Provisional Agenda for the 19th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC19) which will be held in Da Nang, Vietnam from 28 November to 3 December 2022. Also enclosed is the Provisional Annotated Agenda which explains the intent and scope of each agenda item.

The Provisional Agenda was drawn up in close consultation with the Commission Chair, Ms Jung-re Riley Kim and in adherence to rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure. It is now also posted on the WCPFC19 website: <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/19th-regular-session-wcpfc>.

The Provisional Agenda generally follows the structure of the agendas of previous years. Members with new proposals will get the chance to introduce them at the start of the meeting under agenda item 4. The Commission would then decide how to progress those proposals during the meeting, subject to the level of support for the proposals. The conservation and management of tuna and billfish stocks of the WCP Ocean will be considered under agenda item 6 which covers a wide range of stocks and species including the related harvest strategy issues of management procedures for skipjack and South Pacific albacore as considered at the first Science-Management Dialogue. The Commission will review and update the harvest strategy workplan under agenda 7 and to decide on the future of the Science-Management Dialogue. A separate agenda item 8 caters for the shark stocks of the WCP Ocean and bycatch mitigation issues. The Compliance Management Scheme agenda item 9 focuses on the future work on the scheme under section IX of CMM 2021-03 and is aligned to the outcomes of the recently concluded TCC18 meeting on the Compliance Monitoring Scheme. As directed by the Commission at WCPFC18, the compliance monitoring report for 2022 covering activities in 2021 will be considered by TCC19 in 2023 and therefore not available for consideration by WCPFC19. The report of the subsidiary bodies will be taken as read but their specific recommendations for WCPFC19 will be presented for the Commission's consideration and decision. A number of Commission offices will be required to be filled and the Commission is expecting nominations for those offices including the Commission Chair and Vice-Chair.

The Provisional Agenda is now submitted for your review and consideration. Any Member of the Commission may under Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure requests the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda at least thirty days (by 28 October 2022) before the start of the WCPFC19 on 28 November 2022. Such a request shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the requested supplementary item.

If there is any query concerning the Provisional Agenda, please direct it to me on [feleti.teo@wcpfc.int](mailto:feleti.teo@wcpfc.int).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Feleti Teo', with a horizontal line drawn through the middle of the signature.

Feleti Penitala Teo, **OBE**  
**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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**WCPFC19-2022-01  
5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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**WCPFC19-2022-01A  
5 October 2022**

**AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Commission Chair, Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Korea) will open the meeting on Monday 28 November 2022 at 9.00am.

**1.1 Adoption of agenda**

The Chair will present the Provisional Agenda for consideration and adoption.

**1.2 Statements from Members and Participating Territories**

Members and Participating Territories who wish to deliver opening statements will be invited to do so. Those with written statements can provide copies to the Secretariat for distribution.

**1.3 Meeting arrangements**

The Chair will explain the meeting arrangements and the meeting schedule.

**1.3.1 Hybrid meeting protocols**

The Chair to request the Secretariat to explain the meeting protocols, in particular the guidelines for the participation of delegates attending the meeting virtually.

**1.3.2 Establishment of small working groups**

The Commission will consider the need to establish small working groups to progress consideration of specific issues and report back to plenary, and their working arrangements.

**AGENDA ITEM 2. 2022 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Executive Director's Annual Report for 2022 will be posted on to the Online Discussion Forum for exchange of views and comments and taken as read, however, further comments and questions on the report may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

### **AGENDA ITEM 3. MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPLICATIONS**

#### **3.1 Status of the Convention**

The Report by the Depositary (New Zealand) of the WCPF Convention on the status of the Convention will be taken as read, however, comments and questions on the report may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

#### **3.2 Update on observer status**

The Secretariat's updated report on observer status will be taken as read, however, comments and questions on the report may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

#### **3.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status**

The Commission will consider and decide on the applications for CNM status in 2023, including the recommendations from TCC18 on those applications. A small working group is expected to review the applications and report back to plenary.

##### **3.3.1 Participatory rights of CNMs**

In accordance with paragraphs 12 and 13 of CMM 2019-01, the Commission will review the limits of participatory rights of CNMs under the various CMMs.

### **AGENDA ITEM 4. NEW PROPOSALS**

Members with new proposals will be invited to briefly introduce their proposals. The Commission is expected to consider how to progress the discussions of those proposals during the meeting.

### **AGENDA ITEM 5. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES**

#### **5.1 Implementation of Article 30 of WCPFC Convention and CMM 2013-07 (SIDS special requirements)**

The Commission will consider the reports of CCMs in support of the special requirements of developing States as envisaged by article 30 of the WCPF Convention and CMM 2013-07. The reports will be taken as read, however, comments and questions on the reports may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

#### **5.2 Updated Strategic Investment Plan**

The Secretariat report on the updated status of the Strategic Investment Plan will be posted onto the Online Discussion Forum for exchange of views and comments. The report will be taken as read, however, further comments and question may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

### **AGENDA ITEM 6. WCPO TUNA AND BILLFISH STOCK**

#### **6.1 Review of the status of WCPO tuna and billfish stocks**

The Commission will receive brief updates from the Scientific Services Provider (SSP) and the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-Like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) on the status of the WCPO tuna and billfish stocks to set the scene for this agenda.

## **6.2 Skipjack, Bigeye and Yellowfin**

The Commission will consider the various issues concerning the management of the tropical tuna stocks.

### **6.2.1 Harvest Strategy issues**

The Commission will consider the various elements of the Harvest Strategy Workplan as they relate to the tropical tuna stocks.

#### **6.2.1.1 Update on review of target reference point for skipjack**

The Commission will consider the advice and information from SC18 and the SSP on possible formulation of a target reference point for skipjack.

#### **6.2.1.2 Review of additional work tasked by the SMD01 and adoption of management procedures for skipjack tuna.**

The Commission is to consider information from SC18, SMD01 and the SSP and progress discussions with the view to adopt management procedures for skipjack tuna.

#### **6.2.1.3 Agreement on the target reference point for bigeye and yellowfin tuna.**

The Commission will consider the advice and information from SC18 and the SSP on possible formulation of target reference points for bigeye and yellowfin,

## **6.3 Review of CMM 2021-01**

Pursuant to paragraph 51 of CMM 2021-01, the Commission will review information on the measure to ensure its provisions are having the intended effect.

### **6.3.1 Evaluation and review of CMM 2021-01**

#### **6.3.1.1 Review of results from FAD Management Options IWG**

The Commission will consider the aspects of the report of the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group that relate to the FAD provisions of CMM 2021-01.

#### **6.3.1.2 Baseline period or limit for the Indonesia Large Fish Handline Fishery**

The Commission will consider the advice of SC18 and TCC18, and any additional information submitted by Indonesia, on the baseline period or limit for the Indonesian large fish handline fishery.

## **6.4 South Pacific Albacore**

### **6.4.1 Harvest strategy issues**

#### **6.4.1.1 Review of any additional performance indicators, if available, and alternative target reference points**

The Commission to review any additional performance indicators if available and alternate target reference points for the South Pacific albacore.



**6.4.1.2 Review of additional work tasked by the SMD01 to support decision-making on management procedures**

The Commission to review the additional work required of the SSP by the first science-management dialogue to facilitate decision on management procedures for the SP albacore.

**6.4.2 Review of CMM 2015-02**

**6.4.2.1 Review of the SPA Roadmap-IWG activities**

The Commission to receive the report of the Intersessional Working Group tasked to develop the Roadmap for the effective conservation and management of the South Pacific albacore stock.

**6.5 North Pacific albacore**

**6.5.1 Review of CMM 2019-03**

The Commission is to review CMM 2019-03 on the conservation and management of the North Pacific albacore stock.

**6.6 Pacific bluefin tuna**

**6.6.1 Review of CMM 2021-02**

Pursuant to paragraph 19, the Commission shall review CMM 2021-02 on the conservation and management of the Pacific bluefin tuna.

**6.7 North Pacific swordfish**

**6.7.1 Proposal from NC18**

The Commission is expected to consider a proposal from the Northern Committee (NC18) concerning the North Pacific swordfish.

**6.8 South Pacific swordfish**

**6.8.1 Review of SP swordfish fishery**

The Commission is expected to receive a report from Australia on the swordfish fishery.

**6.8.2 Review of CMM 2009-03**

The Commission shall review CMM 2009-03 on the conservation and management of swordfish.

**6.9 North Pacific striped marlin**

**6.9.1 Review of CMM 2010-01**

The Commission shall review the CMM 2010-01 on the conservation and management of the North Pacific striped marlin.

**AGENDA ITEM 7: HARVEST STRATEGY WORK PLAN**

**7.1 Review of Indicative Work Plan**

As required, the Commission is to review and update the Indicative Harvest Strategy Work Plan under CMM 2014-06 for 2023 and onward years.

**7.2 Science-Management Dialogue**

The Commission to consider the future meetings and schedule for the science-management dialogue.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: WCPO SHARK STOCKS AND BYCATCH MITIGATION**

### **8.1 Sharks**

#### **8.1.1 Review of the status of WCPO shark stocks**

The Commission will receive brief updates from the SSP and ISC on the status of the WCPO shark stocks.

##### **8.1.1.1 Southwest Pacific blue shark**

The Commission to consider the stock status of the Southwest Pacific blue shark.

##### **8.1.1.2 Southwest Pacific shortfin mako shark**

The Commission to consider the stock status of the Southwest Pacific shortfin mako shark

##### **8.1.1.3 North Pacific blue shark**

The Commission to consider the stock status of the North Pacific blue shark

#### **8.1.2 Review of CMM 2019-04**

The Commission will consider the advice of SC18 and TCC18 and will review CMM 2019-04 on the conservation and management for sharks.

### **8.2 Seabird mitigation**

#### **8.2.1 Review of CMM 2018-03**

The Commission will consider the advice of SC18 and TCC18 and will review CMM 2018-03, the conservation and management measure to mitigate the impact of fishing for highly migratory fish stocks on seabirds.

### **8.3 Graphics for Best Practice Handling Practices for Safe Handling and Release of Cetaceans**

The Commission to consider the recommendation from SC18 and TCC18 to adopt the Graphics for Best Practice Handling Practices for Safe Handling and Release of Cetaceans.

### **8.4 Ecosystem and bycatch mitigation**

#### **8.4.1 Ecosystem and climate indicators**

The Commission to receive an update on the work of SC and the SSP on ecosystem and climate indicators.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9: COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME**

### **9.1 CMS-IWG Workplan to progress the CMS future work included in Section IX of CMM 2021-03 Compliance Monitoring Scheme**

The Commission to receive the report from the CMS-IWG Chair, including an update on the IWG workplan to progress the CMS future work tasks. The Commission will consider the various work streams under section IX of CMM 2021-03 on the WCPFC Compliance Monitoring Scheme.

### **9.1.1 Develop Audit points**

The Commission will consider the report by the CMS-IWG Lead on the Development of Audit Points for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme and the advice of TCC18 on the Audit Points.

### **9.1.2 Develop Risk-based management framework**

The Commission will consider the report by the CMS-IWG Lead on the Development of the Risk-based Management Framework and the advice of TCC18 on the Framework.

### **9.1.3 Develop Guidelines for Observer participation**

The Commission will consider the advice from TCC18 on the matter of guidelines for the participation of observers at closed meetings of the Commission considering the compliance monitoring reports.

### **9.1.4 Develop Corrective Actions**

The Commission will consider the advice of TCC18 on the development of corrective actions to encourage and incentivise CCMs' compliance with the Commission's obligations, where non-compliance is identified.

### **9.1.5 Review of Aggregate Tables**

The Commission will consider the proposal from the TCC Chair on a process for using the aggregated tables to be undertaken in 2023 as part of the Compliance Monitoring Report Review at TCC19.

### **9.1.6 Other future works**

The Commission will consider other related reforms to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of the compliance monitoring scheme.

## **9.2 Consideration of Compliance Monitoring Report RY2021 and RY2022 in 2023**

The Commission will consider the advice of TCC18 concerning the consideration of the compliance monitoring reports for 2022 (covering 2021 activities) and 2023 (covering 2022 activities) in 2023.

### **9.2.1 List of obligations to be reviewed by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2023**

The Commission to consider the advice of TCC18 on the list of obligations to be reviewed by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2023.

## **AGENDA ITEM 10: LIFTING OF TEMPORARY SUSPENSIONS OF OBSERVER COVERAGE OBLIGATIONS DUE TO COVID 19**

The Commission to consider an update on the implementation of the intersessional decisions made at Special Session 4 to lift the temporary suspensions of observer coverage due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

## **AGENDA ITEM 11: REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND WORKING GROUPS**

The reports under this agenda will be taken as read. Only recommendations of the reports not addressed under other agenda items will be considered under this agenda item.

### **11.1 SC18**

A list of SC18 recommendations to WCPFC19, not considered under other agenda items, will be presented for the Commission's consideration and decision.

### **11.2 TCC18**

A list of TCC18 recommendations to WCPFC19, not considered under other agenda items, will be presented for the Commission's consideration and decision.

### **11.3 NC18**

A list of NC18 recommendations to WCPFC19, not considered under other agenda items, will be presented for the Commission's consideration and decision.

### **11.4 Other Intersessional work and working groups**

The Commission will receive brief reports on the work of other intersessional working groups and intersessional work not considered other agenda items.

#### **11.4.1 E-reporting and E-monitoring (ERandEMWG)**

The Commission will receive a brief update from the Chair of the ERandEM WG.

#### **11.4.2 Transshipment review (TS IWG)**

The Commission will receive a brief update from the Co-Chairs of the TS IWG.

#### **11.4.3 Crew labour standards**

The Commission will receive a brief update from the Co-Leads of the intersessional work on crew labour standards.

## **AGENDA ITEM 12: ADOPTION OF THE 2023 IUU VESSEL LIST**

The Commission will consider and adopt, pursuant to CMM 2019-07, the WCPFC 2023 IUU Vessel List.

## **AGENDA ITEM 13: REPORT OF THE FAC16**

### **13.1 Report of the Sixteenth Finance and Administration Committee**

The Commission will receive and consider a brief summary of the FAC16 Report.

### **13.2 Budget for 2023 and Indicative Budgets for 2024 and 2025**

The Commission will consider for adoption the Budget for 2023 and Indicative Budgets for 2024 and 2025.

## **AGENDA ITEM 14: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **14.1 Secretariat's Corporate Plan**

The Commission is to note the updated Secretariat's Corporate Plan.

#### **14.2 Appointment of new Executive Director**

The Commission is expected to formalize the appointment of the new Executive Director.

#### **14.3 Election of officers**

The Commission will consider the appointment of the following officers:

- WCPFC Chair and Vice-Chair
- SC Vice-Chair
- TCC Chair and Vice-Chair
- NC Chair and NC Vice-Chair
- IWG-ROP Chair

#### **14.4 Future meetings**

The Commission will consider the venues and dates for its next meeting and those of its subsidiary bodies and working groups if required.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 15: OTHER MATTERS**

CCMs are respectfully asked to advise the Secretariat of any issue they wish to raise under this agenda item by close of business on **Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2022** (Pohnpei time)

#### **AGENDA ITEM 16: SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WCPFC19**

The Chair will explain the process for the distribution of the Outcomes Document of the WCPFC19 meeting and the adoption out of session of its Summary Report.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 17: CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting is scheduled to close on Saturday 3 December 2022.