



**THIRD REGULAR SESSION  
OF THE COMMISSION**

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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**AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The Session will open at 09:30 on Monday, 11 December 2006.

The Commission Chair (Mr Glenn Hurry, Australia) will open the Third Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC3) and welcome delegations of WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs), observers and other invited guests.

**1.1 Welcoming addresses**

The Chair will introduce the Hon. Tuila'epa Sailele Malielegaoi, Prime Minister of Samoa, who will present a welcome address.

**1.2 Adoption of agenda**

The provisional agenda for WCPFC3 was prepared and distributed on 12 September 2006 in accordance with Rule 1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. In accordance with Rule 3, members may propose supplementary items up until 30 days before the meeting.

The Commission will be asked how it wishes to deal with supplementary items, if any.

**1.3 Meeting arrangements**

The Commission will review the Provisional Schedule. The Chair will outline any logistical and administrative arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social engagements.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2. MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.1 Status of the Convention**

The Commission will receive a brief report on the status of the Convention.

### **2.2 Applications for cooperating non-members status**

The Commission will be advised of any applications for cooperating non-member (CNM) status that were received by the Secretariat 90 days in advance of the Session in accordance with Conservation and Management Measure-2004-02 (CMM-2004-02). The Commission will consider applications received.

WCPFC2 deferred a decision on CNM status for Belize to the WCPFC3. As requested by WCPFC2, the Executive Director wrote to Belize in December 2005 advising them of the Commission's decision and of the issues that Belize would need to address to obtain membership. Material provided by Belize in response to that letter was circulated to CCMs in October 2006.

### **2.3 Applications for observer status**

In accordance with Rule 36 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Commission will be advised of any applications for observer status that were received from non-government organisations 50 days in advance of the Session. The Commission will be advised of those observers present that were subsequently invited to participate in the Session.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3. MEMBER REPORTS**

### **3.1 Annual reports by the CCMs**

Article 23 and Article 32 require CCMs to report on implementation of the Convention and any conservation and management or other measures or matters which may be agreed from time to time. If not already done so (in the form of Part I reports submitted to the Scientific Committee and Part II reports submitted to the Technical and Compliance Committee), hard copy reports should be forwarded to the Executive Director at least 30 days in advance of WCPFC3 in the format agreed at WCPFC2. The Chair may invite each CCM to provide a brief summary of the key issues of their Annual Report to the meeting.

### **3.2 Statements of non-members**

Non-members are invited to supply similar reports as described under Agenda Item 3.1 for vessels and fishing activities in the Convention Area for which they are responsible. A hard copy of this report should be forwarded to the Executive Director at least 30 days in advance of the Third Regular Session. The Chair may invite non-members to provide a brief summary of key issues of their report to the meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4. AD HOC TASK GROUP [DATA]**

WCPFC2 adopted a recommendation from the First Regular Session of the Scientific Committee regarding the establishment of a Task Group to identify types of data that must be treated as confidential and to develop draft rules and procedures to govern the security and confidentiality of data collected and held by the Commission. The AHTG [Data], chaired by Mr Kim Duckworth, New Zealand, met 31 July to 4 August 2006 at Manila, Philippines. WCPFC3 is invited to consider the report of the AHTG [Data] and consider any additional work required to address data management issues for the Commission.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5. SCIENCE ISSUES**

### **5.1 Report of the Second Regular Session of the Scientific Committee**

The Chair of the Scientific Committee, Dr Dae-Yeon Moon (Korea), will provide a summary of the Second Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC2) which was held 7-18 August, 2006 at Manila, Philippines.

### **5.2 Response to Conservation and Management Measures**

The Chair of SC2 will present a summary of the Scientific Committee's responses to requests from the Commission for advice on existing conservation and management measures. In particular, sustainable catch and effort levels for bigeye, yellowfin, South Pacific albacore and Southwest Pacific swordfish will be presented together with a summary of the work of the Scientific Committee relating to the mitigation of bycatch in respect of juvenile yellowfin and bigeye tuna, sea birds and sea turtles.

### **5.3 Advice and recommendations from the Second Regular Session of the Scientific Committee to the Commission**

In accordance with Article 12 (2), the Chair of the Scientific Committee will present the advice and recommendations of SC2. The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the SC2, seek additional clarification and request additional scientific advice as necessary, and determine a programme of action to implement agreed responses to the scientific advice received. In addition to advice on the status of stocks and by-catch mitigation matters, including the need to reduce fishing mortality on bigeye and yellowfin, and consideration of other commercial fisheries, the Scientific Committee prepared a draft work programme and budget for 2007 and 2008, rules of procedure to guide its meetings, a strategic Research Plan and Draft Terms of Reference for an independent review of interim science structure and functions for the consideration of the Commission.

### **5.4 Programme of work for the Scientific Committee in 2007**

The Chair of the Scientific Committee will present a proposed programme of work and budget for 2007 and an indicative programme and budget for 2008. The Commission will consider the programme of work and budget for the Scientific Committee for 2007 for adoption, and an indicative programme of work and budget for 2008.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6. NORTHERN COMMITTEE**

### **6.1 Report of the Second Regular Session of the Northern Committee**

The Chair of the Northern Committee, Mr Masanori Miyahara (Japan), will present to a summary of the Second Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC2) which was held 11-13 September, 2006 at Tokyo, Japan.

### **6.2 Response to Conservation and Management Measures**

The Chair of the Northern Committee will respond requests from the Commission on conservation and management measures, particularly the CMM-2005-03, including advice and recommendations from the Northern Committee.

### **6.3 Advice and recommendations of the Second Regular Session of the Northern Committee to the Commission**

The Chair of the Northern Committee will present the advice and recommendations of the Northern Committee to the Commission in respect of northern stocks. The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the Northern Committee, seek additional clarification and request additional scientific advice as necessary, and determine a programme of action to formulate and implement conservation and management measures in respect of the stocks mostly in the area north of 20°N.

### **6.4 Programme of work for the Northern Committee in 2007**

The Chair of the Northern Committee will present a proposed programme of work for the Northern Committee for 2007 and an indicative programme for 2008 to be financed by the members of the Northern Committee. The Commission is invited to identify items with implications for the Commission's 2007 Work Programme and Budget during the presentation. The Commission will consider the programme of work for the Northern Committee for 2007 for adoption.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7. ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

### **7.1 Conservation and Management Measures**

#### **(i) Review of existing measures**

Three conservation and management measures and four resolutions relating to the sustainability of highly migratory fish stocks, mitigation of by-catch and capacity reduction were adopted by the WCPFC2. One Resolution adopted by the Commission at its Inaugural Session remains in effect.

The Commission is invited to consider any refinement to the existing Conservation and Management Measures and Resolutions

in light of the Scientific Committee's advice and experience gained by Members in implementing Measures during 2006.

In particular, the Commission at its second annual meeting in December 2005 requested the review of the following conservation and management measures:

- Annual review of CMM-2005-01 for bigeye and yellowfin tuna (CMM-2005-01, paragraph 2);
- Review of CMM-2005-02 for South Pacific albacore and CMM-2005-03 for North Pacific albacore.

**(ii) Consideration of new measures and other conservation requirements**

The Commission is invited to consider the formulation of new or supplementary conservation and management measures and resolutions in accordance with new information and analysis provided by the SC, TCC and the NC.

The WCPFC2 referred the following issues to the WCPFC3 for further consideration:

- 12 month exemption on transshipment for Philippine and FFA countries from the prohibition on transshipment at sea (refer paragraphs 41 and 42 Summary Report, WCPFC2);
- Adoption of procedures for transshipment (paragraph 43);
- A comprehensive scheme for catch documentation (paragraph 44);
- Shark conservation (paragraph 45);
- Swordfish management measures (paragraph 46);
- A proposal consistent with the IATTC arrangement that allows for a system of temporary purse seine closures (CMM-2005-01, paragraph 11);
- Consider measures related to the use of circle hook gear technology in longline fisheries (Resolution-2005-04, paragraph 6); and
- Strategies to mitigate the impacts of fishing for highly migratory fish species on sea turtles (Resolution-2005-04, paragraph 12).

## **7.2 Allocation**

Consistent with paragraph 39 of the WCPFC2 Commission Report, a discussion paper on allocation issues within the WCPFC was prepared and circulated in October 2006. The Commission is invited to discuss the paper and identify next steps in considering allocation within the WCPFC Convention Area.

### **7.3 Proposal for a system of temporary purse seine closures**

WCPFC2 tasked the Executive Director to work with CCMs during 2006 to develop a proposal, consistent with IATTC arrangements, that allows for a system of temporary purse seine closures. The Commission is invited to discuss the proposal prepared by the Executive Director in response to this directive.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8. TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE ISSUES**

### **8.1 Report of the Second Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee**

The Chair of the Technical and Compliance Committee, Mr Apolosi Turanganivalu (Fiji), will present a brief summary of the Second Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC2) which was held 28 September-03 October, 2006 at Brisbane, Australia.

The Commission will consider an update on the status of vessel authorisations, the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels, and annual statement of compliance measures taken by members, the Commission's vessel monitoring system, the regional observer programme, high seas boarding and inspection, transshipment verification, ports State measure, and a chartering arrangements scheme.

### **8.2 Response to Conservation and Management Measures**

The Chair of TCC2 will report to the Commission against technical matters associated with the implementation of the existing CMMs. The Commission will consider the Technical and Compliance Committee's work in respect of advice requested of it by the WCPFC2.

### **8.3 Advice and recommendations from the Second Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee to the Commission**

The Chair of TCC2 will present advice and recommendations from the Second Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee.

The Commission is invited to discuss the advice and recommendations provided by TCC2, seek additional clarification and advice as necessary and determine a programme of action to implement agreed responses to the technical advice received.

### **8.4 Programme of work for the Technical and Compliance Committee for 2007**

The Chair of the Technical and Compliance Committee will present a proposed programme of work for the Technical and Compliance Committee for 2007 and an indicative programme for 2008. The Commission will consider a programme of work for the Technical and Compliance Committee for 2007 for adoption, and an indicative programme of work for 2008.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9. ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION:**

The Chair will invite the Executive Director to present the annual report on the work of the Commission for the 2006 calendar year. The Commission will discuss intersessional activities of the Commission, including any highlighted issues associated with the Secretariat performance and priority issues before the Commission.

## **AGENDA ITEM 10. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

### **10.1 Audit matters**

#### **a) Auditor's report and the audited annual General Account Fund financial statements for 2005**

The Commission's audited financial statements for 2005 and auditor's report were submitted to the auditor prior to 31 March 2006 and distributed to CCMs in June 2006. In accordance with Finance Regulation 13.1 the Commission shall, following consideration of the audited annual financial statements and audit report, signify its acceptance of the audited annual financial statements or take such other action as it may consider appropriate.

#### **b) External auditor appointment process**

As the appointment of Deloitte and Touche of Guam will expire in December 2007, the Commission may consider the need to either seek to negotiate a reappointment or to generally canvass for an external auditor during 2007 in order that an appointment for the 2008 and 2009 period can be made at the Fourth Regular Session of the Commission.

### **10.2 Status of the Commission's funds**

#### **a) Report on General Account Fund for 2006 – contributions and other income.**

In accordance with Finance Regulation 5.7 the Secretariat will present a report on the collection of annual assessed contributions from members of the Commission, any voluntary contributions received, any investment income and other income received, and any advances from the working capital fund.

#### **b) Report on the status of other funds**

The Secretariat will present status reports for the Special Requirements Fund established under Article 30(3) of the Convention, the Indonesia/Philippines Data Collection Project Fund, the Working Capital Fund and the Regional Observer Program Development Fund established to administer a special purposes contribution.

### **10.3 Financial Rules**

In accordance with Financial Regulation 10.1 (a), the Commission will consider a set of Financial Rules and Procedures established by the Executive Director.

### **10.4 Secretariat matters**

#### **a) Staff establishment and conditions of service**

The Secretariat will report its first year operations. The Commission will consider staffing and conditions of service proposals consistent with the current review of CROP salaries and conditions.

#### **b) Accommodation options for Commission staff**

On the basis that comfortable, affordable and secure accommodation in Pohnpei is critical in attracting and retaining suitable staff, the Secretariat will provide an assessment of housing options for the Commission's staff in Pohnpei.

#### **c) Draft Strategic Plan**

The preparation of a Strategic Plan was one of the tasks included in the 2006 work programme by WCPFC2. The Commission is invited to consider the draft prepared by the Secretariat and provide direction in relation to its finalisation and application.

### **10.5 Venue and dates for next meeting**

The WCPFC2 agreed that after 2006, the Annual Sessions will be scheduled for the first full week of December, that alternating Sessions of the Commission will be held in Pohnpei, and that other Sessions would be held in Pohnpei if there were no offers to host the Session.

Based on this, the Commission will decide on the dates and venue for its next Annual Session and accept any suggestions on the dates and venue for its 2008 year meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM 11. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES**

In accordance with Article 30 of the Convention and considering the recommendations and advice of the Scientific Committee and the Technical and Compliance Committee, the Commission is invited to consider means for assisting developing States, participating territories and possessions build capacity in relation to the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area.



## **AGENDA ITEM 12. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

In accordance with Article 22 of the Convention, the Secretariat will report on efforts to date, and activities planned for 2007, to strengthen cooperation, consultation and collaboration with other RFMOs and relevant national and international organisations.

## **AGENDA ITEM 13. WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2007 AND INDICATIVE WORK PROGRAMME AND BUDGET FOR 2008**

In accordance with Article 18 of the Convention and Regulation 3 of the Financial Regulation, the Commission will, taking into account the recommendations of the Science Committee, the Technical and Compliance Committee, the Northern Committee and any other matters with implications for the 2007 work programme, decide on a work programme and budget for 2007 and an indicative budget for 2008.

## **AGENDA ITEM 14. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

The Commission may consider the election of a new Chair of the Commission, Chair of the Technical and Compliance Committee and Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee.

## **AGENDA ITEM 15. OTHER MATTERS**

In accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, any member of the Commission, the Chairman or the Executive Director may, at least thirty (30) days before the date for a regular Session, request the inclusion of supplementary items.

### **15.1 Joint Meeting of t-RFMOS**

The Commission is invited to provide advice and recommendations in relation to the participation of the Commission in the joint meeting of tuna-regional fisheries management organisations endorsed by the 26th meeting of the Committee of Fisheries of FAO (COFI) in March 2005. The t-RFMO meeting will be held 22-26 January, 2007, at Kobe, Japan.

## **AGENDA ITEM 16. SUMMARY REPORT**

The Commission will adopt a Summary Report of its Third Regular Session.

## **AGENDA ITEM 17. CLOSE**

The meeting is scheduled to close at 1700 on Friday, 15 December 2006.