



DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW WCPFC TROPICAL TUNA MEASURE WORKSHOP 3 (TTMW3)

Electronic Meeting
28-29 June 2023

Process to Negotiate a Revised Tropical Tuna Measure in 2023 (Attachment H, WCPFC19 Summary Report)

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Background

CMM2021-01 (Tropical Tuna Measure, TTM) remains in effect until February 15, 2024, and outlines timeframes for the Commission's agreement on (1) purse seine hard effort or catch limits in the high seas of the Convention Area and an allocation framework (para 27) and (2) longline hard limits for bigeye and an allocation framework (para 41) amongst all Members and Participating Territories by 2023.

The Measure requires that an allocation framework take into account Articles 8, 10 (3), and 30 of the Convention.

WCPFC 19 agreed that the process to revise the TTM will be based on 2021-01 without a complete overhaul, and at least two workshops will be needed to make progress towards the adoption of a revised TTM in 2023.

Work Plan

The process will be led by the Chair of the Commission, with the assistance of the Vice Chair of the Commission. The Secretariat and the Scientific Services Provider will assist the Chair, Vice Chair and CCMs throughout the process.

- **End of February, 2023** : The Chair will produce a document highlighting the areas of the TTM that need revisions (reference to scientific information, limits, allocation, etc).
- **End of March, 2023** : CCMs will provide feedback on the areas of the TTM that need revisions, and provide their views on relevant limits and allocation frameworks. CCMs will hold a virtual pre-workshop to have an initial exchange of views.
- **End of April, 2023** : The Chair will circulate the compilation of the feedback from CCMs, providing a side-by-side comparison of different views on relevant limits and allocation frameworks. The objectives and agenda for the first workshop will be circulated by the Chair and agreed intersessionally by the end of May 2023.
- **End of June, 2023** : The first workshop will be held virtually. This workshop will focus on narrowing down options hard limits and their allocation and identify any additional information needs and issues to be considered at SC19.
- **August 2023** : SC19 will consider any issues related to the limits.
- **Beginning of October 2023** : The second workshop will be held (virtually / in person) to address remaining issues. This workshop will also determine the necessity of another workshop, and a contingency plan that could be adopted if no agreement can be reached at WCPFC 20 on the revision of the TTM.