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**THE SECOND REGULAR SESSION OF THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL  
PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION**

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WCPFC2-2005/05  
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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Session will open at 09:30 on Monday, 12 December 2005.

The Chair (Mr Glenn Hurry, Australia) will open the Second Annual Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC2) and welcome delegations of the WCPFC Members and observers. Participating Members and observers will be introduced, as will the Executive Director of the WCPFC, Mr Andrew Wright.

**1.1 Welcoming addresses**

The Chair will introduce the President of the Federated of Micronesia, the Hon. Joseph Urusumal, who will make the welcoming address.

**1.2 Adoption of agenda**

The Executive Director will introduce the Provisional Agenda WCPFC2-2005/02. Members may propose supplementary items up until 30 days before the meeting (Rule 3). The Agenda, as modified, will need to be adopted by the meeting (Rule 5).

**1.3 Meeting arrangements**

The Executive Director will invite WCPFC2 to review the Provisional Schedule noting logistical arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social engagements.

**AGENDA ITEM 2. MEMBERSHIP**

**2.1 Status of the Convention**

A representative from the depositary, New Zealand, will present a brief report on the status of the Convention.

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

Recalling paragraph 21 of the Summary Record of WCPFC1 and Annex II of the Final Report of Working Group III, the secretariat will advise WCPFC2 of any applications for cooperating non-members that were received by the Secretariat 90 days in advance of the session. WCPFC2 will be advised of any objections received from Members. WCPFC2 will decide on the conferring of cooperating non-member for each applicant.

## **2.3 Applications for observer status**

In accordance with Rule 36 of the Rules of Procedure, the Secretariat will advise WCPFC2 of any applications for Observer Status that were received by the Secretariat 50 days in advance of the Session. WCPFC2 will be advised on any objections received from Members within 20 days of the Session. WCPFC2 will decide on the conferring of observer status for each applicant.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

### **3.1 Annual report of the Executive Director on the work of the Commission**

The Executive Director will present a report for the 2005 calendar year. The report will highlight issues associated with the secretariat in Pohnpei and priority issues before the Commission.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4. ISSUES ARISING FROM WCPFC1**

The Secretariat will review the status of action to address requests by the Commission at WCPFC1. The Session will consider the outcomes of action taken in relation to each request. If necessary the Session will propose additional action that may be required of the Secretariat or members to ensure requests are addressed in full.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5. MEMBER REPORTS**

### **5.1 Annual reports by Members**

Article 23 and Article 32 require members to report on implementation of the Convention and any conservation, management or other measures or matters which may be agreed from time to time. In future years it is anticipated that reporting will be in a format agreed by members. In the meantime, members will report on 2005 activities of national fleets within the Convention Area in line with the provisions of Article 23 and Article 32. Hard copy reports should be forwarded to the Executive Director at least 30 days in advance of the second regular Session. Member's may provide a brief three minute (to be strictly adhered to) presentation addressing key issues.

### **5.2 Statements of non-members**

Co-operating non-parties are invited to supply similar reports as described under Agenda Item 5.1. A hard copy of this report should be forwarded to the Executive

Director at least 30 days in advance of the second regular Session. Non-parties may also provide a brief three minute (to be strictly adhered to) presentation addressing key issues.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6. ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

### **6.1 Establishment of the Northern Committee**

In relation to paragraph 10 of the Summary Record of WCPFC1 and pursuant to Article 11(7) of the Convention WCPFC2 will consider the establishment of the Northern Committee.

### **6.2 Report on accounts for 2005**

The Secretariat will present an overview of the Commission's finances during 2005. It will report on income received to each account operated by the Commission and commitments against line items approved for the 2005 budget by WCPFC-1.

### **6.3 Auditor's report for 2004**

Although the Commission officially became operational in December 2004 it operated no accounts during that calendar year. As a result, there will be no auditor's report for 2004. The audit for the 2005 accounts will be completed in March 2006.

### **6.4 Report on the collection of contributions and advances to working capital fund.**

The Secretariat will present a status report for the Working Capital Fund established under Financial Regulation 6.2 relating to advances from members.

### **6.5 Report on the status of the Special Requirements Fund**

The Secretariat will present a status report for the Requirements of Developing States Fund established under Article 30(3) of the Convention to facilitate the effective participation of developing States and territories in the work of the Commission.

### **6.6 Appointment of external auditor**

In accordance with Article 19 of the Convention and Regulation 11 of the Financial Regulations, the Secretariat will advise of arrangements for external audits of the 2005 and 2006 accounts.

### **6.7 Financial regulations**

As an incorrect version of the Financial Regulations (WCPFC/PrepCon/WP.2/Rev.1), was presented in the final report of WCPFC1 the Session will be presented with the approved version of the Financial Regulations.

### **6.8 Staff establishment**

Reflecting on the recommendations of Working Group 1 that convened during the Preparatory Conference WCPFC2 will review Secretariat staffing and advisory service options and schedule.

## **6.9 Staff regulations**

In accordance with guidance provided by Working Group I of the Preparatory Conference, the Secretariat will present draft Staff Regulations for the Commission. The draft Staff Regulations are based on the Staff Regulations in effect at the Secretariat of the Pacific Community (SPC), the Secretariat of the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP) and the Forum Fisheries Agency (FFA) in effect in 2005. The Meeting is invited to adopt Staff Regulations for the Commission, amended as necessary.

## **6.10 Accommodation options for Commission staff**

On the basis that comfortable and secure accommodation will be critical in attracting and retaining high calibre staff, the Secretariat will provide the Session with an assessment of housing options for Commission staff in Pohnpei.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7. SCIENCE ISSUES**

### **7.1 Report of the First Scientific Committee meeting**

The Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr Sung Kwon Soh from Korea, will present a summary report of the First Meeting of the Scientific Committee which convened 8-19 August 2005 at Noumea, New Caledonia.

### **7.2 Progress against Resolutions**

The Chair of the Scientific Committee, Dr Sung Kwon Soh from Korea, will report against resolutions on conservation and management measures from WCPFC-1. In particular sustainable catch and effort levels for bigeye, yellowfin and south Pacific Albacore; five and ten year projections of total biomass and spawning stock biomass for bigeye and yellowfin tuna; effects on stocks to mitigate the catch of juvenile bigeye and yellowfin including controls on setting floating objects; and estimates of mortality for non-target species, particularly turtles and sharks. Dr Soh will also report on progress against carry over provisions from MHLC and the Preparatory Conference as per WCPFC/PreCon/22 and WCPFC/PreCon/34.

### **7.3 Advice and recommendations from the Scientific Committee to the Commission**

In accordance with Article 12 (2), the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr Sung Kwon Soh from Korea, will present the agreed recommendations from the Scientific Committee meeting at Noumea, 8-19 August, supporting the Commission's efforts to effectively manage, conserve and sustainably use the highly migratory fish stocks of the western and central Pacific Ocean. WCPFC2 is invited to discuss the advice provided by the Scientific Committee, seek additional clarification as necessary,

request additional scientific advice and determine a programme of action to implement agreed responses to the scientific advice received.

#### **7.4 Programme of work for the Scientific Committee in 2006**

The Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr Sung Kwon Soh from Korea, will present a proposed programme of work for the Scientific Committee for 2006. Items with implications for the Commission's 2006 Work Programme and Budget will be identified during the presentation. Taking into account the outcomes of discussion under Agenda Item 7.2 and 7.3, WCPFC2 will adopt a programme of work for the Scientific Committee in 2006.

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

#### **8.1 Report of the First Technical and Compliance Committee meeting**

The Chairman of the Technical and Compliance Committee, Mr Apolosi Turaganivalu from Fiji, will present a brief summary of the First Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee which convened 5-9 December 2005 at Pohnpei. The Report will include an update on the status of vessel authorisations (Article 23 (2)), the record of vessel authorisations (Article 24(4) Annex IV), and annual statement of compliance measures taken by members (Article 25 (8)), the register of vessels authorised for high seas boarding and inspection (Article 26 (1)), the register of duly authorised officers (Article 26 (3)), details of designated transshipment ports (Article 29 (1)), procedures for transshipment (Article 29 (3)) and co-operation with non-parties (Article 32).

#### **8.2 Progress against Resolutions**

The Chair of the Technical and Compliance Committee, Mr Apolosi Turaganivalu from Fiji will report against resolutions on conservation and management measures from Comm-1. In particular the provision of advice on effective implementation of possible conservation and management measures including time/area closures, or alternative measures to control sets on floating objects. Mr Turaganivalu shall provide advice to WCPFC2 on the regional observer programme and the VMS programme. Mr Turaganivalu will also report on progress against carry over provisions from MHLC and the Preparatory Conference as per WCPFC/PreCon/22 and WCPFC/PreCon/34.

#### **8.3 Advice and recommendations from the Technical and Compliance Committee to the Commission**

In accordance with Article 14 (1), the Chairman of the Technical and Compliance Committee, Mr Apolosi Turaganivalu from Fiji, will present the agreed advice and recommendations from the First Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee which convened 5-9 December 2005 at Pohnpei. WCPFC2 is invited to discuss the advice and recommendations provided by the Technical and Compliance Committee, 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 in 2006**

The Chairman of the Technical and Compliance Committee, Mr Apolosi Turaganivalu from Fiji, will present a proposed programme of work for the Technical and Compliance Committee for 2006. Items with implications for the Commission's 2006 Work Programme and Budget will be identified during the presentation. Taking into account the outcomes of discussion under Agenda Item 8.2 and 8.3, WCPFC2 will adopt a programme of work for the Technical and Compliance Committee in 2006

#### **AGENDA ITEM 9. NORTHERN COMMITTEE**

##### **9.1 Report of the first meeting of the Northern Committee**

On the basis that the establishment of the Northern Committee will be endorsed by WCPFC2 and that Members and Cooperating Non-members will have an opportunity to meet as the Northern Committee prior to the conclusion of WCPFC2 the Chairman of the Northern Committee will present a summary report to WCPFC2.

##### **9.2 Advice and recommendations of the Northern Committee to the Commission**

The Chairman of the Northern Committee will present the agreed advice and recommendations from the first meeting of the Northern Committee. WCPFC2 is invited to discuss the advice and recommendations provided by the Northern Committee, seek additional clarification and advice as necessary and determine a programme of action to implement agreed responses to the advice received.

##### **9.3 Programme of work for the Northern Committee in 2006**

The Chairman of the Northern Committee will present a proposed programme of work for the Northern Committee for 2006. Items with implications for the Commission's 2006 Work Programme and Budget will be identified during the presentation. Taking into account the outcomes of discussion under Agenda Item 9.1 and 9.2, WCPFC2 will adopt a programme of work for the Northern Committee in 2006

#### **AGENDA ITEM 10. ADOPTION OF CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

##### **10.1 Conservation and Management Measures**

Annex II of the Summary Record of WCPFC-1 presents a Resolution relating to the adoption of conservation and management measures at WCPFC2. Although the First meeting of the Technical and Compliance Meeting will not occur at least thirty (30) days in advance of the second annual Session, the Resolution expects the Commission to adopt, in accordance with Article 5 of the Convention, conservation and management measures necessary to address sustainability concerns.

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

### **11.1 Guidelines for assisting 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 meeting will approve guidelines and criteria for assisting developing states, 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**

### **12.1 Cooperation, consultation and collaboration with CCAMLR, CCSBT, FAO, FFA, ICCAT, IATTC, ISC, IOTC and SPC**

In accordance with Article 22 of the Convention, the Secretariat will report on efforts to date, and activities planned for 2006, to strengthen consultation and collaboration with other RFMOs with an interest in the work of the Commission.

## **AGENDA ITEM 13. PROPOSED WORK PROGRAM FOR 2006**

### **13.1 2006 Work Programme and Budget**

In accordance with Article 18 of the Convention and Regulation 3 of the Financial Regulations the Secretariat will present and draft work programme and budget for 2006 and 2007. Taking into account the recommendations of the Science Committee, the Technical and Compliance Committee and any other matters with implications for the 2006 work programme adopted by the Session, the meeting will approve a work programme and budget for 2006 and a tentative work programme and budget for 2007.

## **AGENDA ITEM 14. 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.

## **AGENDA ITEM 15. NEXT MEETING**

### **15.1 Date and place of next meeting**

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