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**Meeting Notice: Development of a Revised Tropical Tuna Measure Workshop 4
(TTMW4)**

Dear Colleagues,

You will recall the results of the June 2023 Workshop on a Revised Tropical Tuna Measure, a summary of which was attached to Circular 2023/57 of 17 July 2023. I am pleased to confirm the arrangements for the Fourth Workshop on a Revised Tropical Tuna Measure which will be held 29-30 September 2023 in Pohnpei, and in a hybrid format. A TTMW4 Workshop meeting page has been set up (<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/ttmw4>) which includes details on registration for the Workshop.

In this Circular I set out my proposed approach, objectives and agenda for the Workshop and invite feedback from CCMs on these arrangements. In order to make as much progress as possible at the Workshop, I consider that we need to move beyond statements of position and get down to the business of drafting a revised CMM. We have the [side-by-side compilation](#) of feedback received from CCMs and observers on required revisions to the TT measure, but I believe that we need to concentrate on those provisions which require revision and get drafting on the table. Now that SC19 has concluded, I would appreciate CCM's specific drafting suggestions for revisions to the TT measure. To the extent possible, these should be provided well in advance of TTMW4, preferably by **Friday 8 September 2023**, so that I can prepare a revised document that can form the basis of a revised TT measure. This will help to ensure that we make good progress at the Workshop.

Objectives for the Workshop

TTMW3 discussed the objectives for TTMW4 and agreed that the main objective will be to review the results of the analysis requested of the Scientific Services Provider at TTMW3, contained in Attachment 3 of the [Chair's Report](#) of TTMW3, and take account of the advice and recommendations from the 19th Scientific Committee relevant to the

revision of the TTM. The Workshop will draw on this scientific advice and analysis in order to make progress on the review and revisions of relevant TTM provisions, including on relevant hard limits and allocation frameworks. In that regard, colleagues will recall that WCPFC19 agreed that any new tropical tuna measure would be based on the current measure ([CMM 2021-01](#)) as far as possible, particularly in maintaining the balance between fisheries, but that there was room for strengthening certain elements of CMM 2021-01 including the development of allocation frameworks for high seas purse-seine fisheries and tropical longline bigeye fisheries. There was a good discussion at TTMW3 on options for hard limits and allocation frameworks. TTMW4 will provide an opportunity for more targeted discussions on how WCPFC can best make progress on these issues, taking into account the various views of CCMs.

Draft Workshop Agenda

Based on these objectives, a proposed Agenda for the Workshop is attached at Annex 1. I have sought to explain the areas of the agenda where input from CCMs would be highly valuable in progressing our work. The draft agenda includes consideration of holding an additional, fifth workshop (TTMW5) just before the WCPFC20 meeting in Rarotonga in December.

I request that CCMs provide any comments on the proposed agenda to me at josie.tamate@gmail.com and the Executive Director at rhea.moss-christian@wcpfc.int by no later than close of business on **8 September 2023**. I will finalise the agenda and post it to the TTMW4 meeting page soon after that date.

For any general queries on the workshop arrangements please direct them to the Executive Director at rhea.moss-christian@wcpfc.int, and copied to the Executive Assistant at arlene.takesy@wcpfc.int.

Thank you again for all your cooperation and I look forward to seeing you soon.

Best regards,



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WCPFC Chair

cc: Takumi Fukuda
WCPFC Vice-Chair

**Draft Agenda: Development of a Revised Tropical Tuna Measure Workshop 4
[Pohnpei and online, from 29 to 30 September 2023]**

1. Opening of Workshop
 - 1.1. Opening remarks by Chair
 - 1.2. Adoption of agenda
 - 1.3. Workshop meeting arrangements
2. Objectives of the Workshop
 - 2.1. Chair to convey the objectives of the Workshop and invite discussion
3. Outcomes of SC19 relevant to revision of the Tropical Tuna Measure
 - 3.1. Review of SC19 management advice and recommendations
 - 3.2. Implications of SC19 advice and recommendations for revisions to TT measure
4. Results of analysis requested by TTMW3
 - 4.1. Review of analysis requested by TTMW3
 - 4.2. Implications of analysis for revisions to TT measure
 - 4.3. Timing of additional analysis requested by TTMW3
 - 4.4. Any further requests for analysis to be undertaken prior to WCPFC20
5. Consideration of options for hard limits and allocation frameworks
 - 5.1. Discussion on prioritisation and process for developing hard limits and allocation frameworks
 - 5.2. Identification of factors relevant to consideration of allocation frameworks
6. Revisions to Tropical Tuna Measure
 - 6.1. CCMs to review proposed revisions to the Tropical Tuna Measure
7. Possible Fifth Tropical Tuna Workshop
 - 7.1. Consideration to holding TTMW5 prior to WCPFC20 in Rarotonga
 - 7.2. Initial discussion of the objectives of the December Workshop
 - 7.3. Process for development of agenda for the December Workshop
8. Other Matters
9. Workshop Outcomes
 - 9.1. The Chair to issue a Chair's Report outlining the key points of discussions and outcomes of the Workshop.
- 10. Close of Workshop**