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Recommendations from TCC19 not Covered by Other Agenda Items

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1. This paper contains recommendations to the Commission from TCC19 that are not covered under other agenda items. There are no other recommendations from NC19 and SC19 that are not covered in other agenda items. Summary Reports from all three subsidiary body meetings are available on the respective meeting webpages as well as on the WCPFC20 meeting webpage.

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CMM 2017-02 Port State Minimum Standards

2. TCC19 considered the requirement that CMM 2017-02 had to be reviewed every two years since its effective date of February 2018, and that the measure set out some elements to be included in the review.
3. TCC19 **recommended** that WCPFC20 tasks TCC20 to review [CMM 2017-02](#) taking into account current Commission implementation of the measure, other RFMOs' experience, the UN FAO's Port State Measures Agreement (PSMA), and the Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency regional PSM framework. (*TCC19 Summary Report para 332*).

CMM 2014-02 Commission VMS - Trial of VMS-100Si proposed by Philippines for type approval

4. TCC19 considered information presented by the Philippines in respect of formal testing and proposed WCPFC accreditation of the MTU/ALC VMS-100Si, embedding Iridium and AIS satellite communication channels from SRT Marine Systems. Due to limited time available for discussion, TCC19 acknowledged that with additional time, the request could be considered and **resolved** at WCPFC20. The Philippines submitted extra information on its request in [WCPFC20-2023-DP11_Rev01](#) to assist the Commission with its consideration (*TCC19 Summary Report para 365*).

USA Recommendation on Additional VRST Option

5. The USA submitted a [proposal](#) to include an additional dropdown menu option for the current VMS manual reporting VRS Tool. This was intended to account for ALC status on every day of the year on a continuous basis instead of having to compile this data just before TCC. The possibility was already in the SSPs and the VRST was already available to members, although not mandatory. TCC19 **recommended** that WCPFC20 include and prioritize their 2024 Work Plan and budget to add the option for flag CCMs to select the status of, "ALC reporting OK to flag VMS" in the WCPFC VRST "Non-

reporting vessels" interactive interface.¹ (*TCC19 Summary Report para 374*)

Analytical interpretation of data and communication of technical and compliance matters

6. TCC19 considered the output of data analytical work undertaken by the Secretariat in 2022 and 2023 through two external consultants, Dr. Steve Brouwer and Doug Jackson (*WCPFC20-2023-IP17 Enhancing Data Analysis and Interpretation: Experiences and Opportunities*). The consultants presented some typical outputs from the analytical tools and approaches that they had developed or which they had identified as potential tools and approaches that could be considered for future development. The new tools could be used to support streamlining and enhancing a number of work streams using WCPFC's data holdings, and TCC noted the benefit to the Commission, to members and concomitant efficiencies gained by the Secretariat to date. As a result, TCC19 **recommended** that FAC17 consider supporting two data analytic consultancies for 2024 and 2025 (*TCC19 Summary Report para 396*)
7. TCC19 also **recommended** that WCPFC20 consider the data analytic needs of the Commission as to whether a permanent staff position focused on data analytics be added to the Secretariat staffing plan in the future, while also noting that output metrics will need to be considered to demonstrate the value to CCMs that the tools have provided in supporting improved CCM compliance (*TCC19 Summary Report paras 397 – 398*)

IT related system upgrades, training, and guidance resources for CCMs and WCPFC IT/VMS Security Audit

8. TCC19 reviewed the Secretariat's approach to roll-out additional resources including training resources and learning aids to support CCM's use of the IMS and resources to assist CCMs with improved annual reporting. The experience from three CCM attachments in 2023, plans to complement training delivered by other related organisations focused more specifically on WCPFC issues, and to develop additional training and learning aids for CCMs on common Commission processes was also considered. TCC19 **recommended** that such support to CCMs continue. (*TCC19 Summary Report, paras 423*)
9. TCC19 considered updates on various IT-related system upgrades and the expanded IT/VMS Security work that was approved by WCPFC19. There was strong support and appreciation for the IT-related tools that support CCM's reporting and implementation of obligations, with additional expressions of support for ongoing capacity building and training on the use of the new tools. The Secretariat committed to continuing efforts to improve its IT security score, and TCC19 **recommended** that WCPFC20 provide its support to the continuation of this work. (*TCC19 Summary Report, paras 455, 456 and 460*)

Resources required and process to update TCC workplan

10. TCC19 considered required resources for some of the emerging Commission priorities, TCC's role in supporting those priorities and what performance or output metrics could be used to measure progress. TCC19 also considered that the *TCC Workplan* was currently in the middle of its 3-year term and with one more reporting year (2024) to go, there was a need to update the workplan. In the discussions it was noted that the workplan was very extensive and included eighteen priorities, and a

¹ See TCC19 Summary Report, paragraph 373.

number of additional priority issues had been discussed at TCC19. Some of the additional priority work areas considered during TCC19 included Harvest Strategy development, Climate change and improving monitoring and information management, the ongoing review and strengthening of several CMMs as well as CCM-led intersessional work through eight IWGs. TCC19 **noted** the intention of the TCC Chair to prepare advice to WCPFC20, in conjunction with the Secretariat, TCC Vice-Chair and Chairs of the IWG, on the progress of work in the TCC Workplan 2022-2024, including where additional work may be required. (*TCC19 Summary Report para 500*)

11. TCC19 **noted** that the Secretariat will provide further updates and information to FAC17 on the resources required to support TCC19 outcomes, including tasks set out in the TCC Workplan for 2024 and subsequent years. (*TCC19 Summary Report para 492*)

Recommendation

12. The Commission is invited to consider TCC19's recommendations and outcomes contained in this paper and decide accordingly.