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Meeting Notice for the Twentieth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee and Communication from TCC Chair

Dear All,

I am pleased to formally advise all CCMs and Observers that the Twentieth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC20) will be held in the COM/FSM China Friendship Sport Center, Palikir, Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia, from 25 September to 1 October 2024.

The attached communication from the TCC Chair, Mr Mat Kertesz, accompanies the posting of the TCC20 Provisional Agenda ([TCC20-2024-02](#)) and revised TCC workplan ([TCC20-2024-05](#)) to the TCC20 meeting website (<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc20>).

The attached Meeting Notice is also posted to the TCC20 meeting website page and participants are encouraged to make early accommodation arrangements. Other meeting documents will be posted on the TCC20 website in due course.

Please contact the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott (lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int) if you have any questions or require additional information. Your assistance in distributing this Circular to all relevant officials and representatives in your area is appreciated. Thank you.

Yours sincerely,

Rhea Moss-Christian

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear colleagues,

I am pleased to present the provisional agenda for the 20th meeting of the WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee, and I am looking forward to seeing you all in Pohnpei in a just a few months.

I am very pleased that the efforts put in by all participants at TCC19 last year resulted in some very significant steps forward by WCPFC20 in Rarotonga in December. Flowing from this though, we have a lot on the TCC agenda for this year, including anticipated progress on a number of key issues ably led by the chairs of a number of intersessional working groups – in particular work on developing electronic monitoring standards, developing a CMM for labour standards, and integrating climate change considerations into the work of the Commission.

TCC19 also discussed some very significant work being undertaken by the Secretariat to improve the Commission's analytical capabilities and strengthen the monitoring programmes, including on data available to verify compliance and supporting science-based management.

In addition, the Commission Chair, the SC Chair and myself, with the Secretariat, have been working to consider how we can better integrate the work of the subsidiary bodies with the Commission.

The agenda reflects all of these bodies of work, presenting a thematic approach to progressing the critical strategic issues outlined above.

In relation to these issues, and recognising the tasking from WCPFC20, a revised version of the TCC workplan has been uploaded to the TCC20 meeting page with this circular ([TCC20-2024-05](#)). I apologise for the delay in circulating this, however it has been important to determine current and anticipated progress on a number of key issues. As flagged at WCPFC20, the edits are focused on work for this year. I am also conscious that 2024 is the final year of the current workplan. You will see in the provisional agenda that I have set aside time early in TCC20 for a discussion on the workplan. With the number of key issues that are expected to make progress at TCC20 and WCPFC21, I expect that there will be a body of work for the TCC Chair and Vice Chair and Secretariat to undertake following TCC20 and in the lead up to the Commission meeting in Fiji in December.

TCC20 will also fulfil its obligation to provide a review of compliance with Commission obligations – I am again thankful for the significant effort put in by participants at TCC19 as we worked through a lengthy process to integrate new audit points into the compliance review process. That work will continue this year, though I am hopeful that the process will be significantly less onerous than last year. We will also need to

consider how to implement the “sampling scheme” outlined in paragraph 15 of CMM 2023-04.

Further information, including scheduling, will be provided in due course.

Again, my thanks for your ongoing support and constructive engagement in the work of TCC and the Commission.

Kind regards,

Mat Kertesz

TCC Chair.



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TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Twentieth Regular Session

25 September to 1 October 2024

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia (Hybrid)

MEETING NOTICE

27 June 2024

The Twentieth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (TCC20) will be held in COM/FSM China Friendship Sport Center, Palikir, Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia. from Wednesday 25th September to Tuesday 1st October 2024, with Sunday 29th September designated as a free day. A Preparatory Meeting for the Heads of Delegation will be held on Tuesday 24th September. Mr Mat Kertesz (Australia) will chair TCC20.

The TCC20 Provisional Agenda (**WCPFC-TCC20-2024-02**) and TCC20 Provisional Annotated Agenda (**WCPFC-TCC20-2024-02A**) is issued and posted to the TCC20 meeting website page with this notice. The inclusion of any supplementary items on the agenda, accompanied by a written explanation, may be requested at least thirty days before the meeting, i.e. by **Monday, 26th August 2024**.

TCC20 meeting structure

TCC20 will be a hybrid meeting, with participation to take place in-person and virtually through Zoom. CCMs are only permitted to make their interventions virtually if the CCM HOD or alternative is not able to attend the meeting in person. Please contact the Secretariat's IT team (ITSupport@wcpfc.int) for any technical assistance regarding virtual participation.

TCC20 will be supplemented by the TCC20 website and the TCC20 Online Discussion Forum (ODF). The opening and duration of the ODF will be advised in due course. The results of the ODF will be provided to TCC20 as a Summary of Online Discussion Forum and considered as needed under the relevant agenda items.

TCC20 delegates wishing to submit a meeting document are asked to complete a cover page for each document submitted, using the document template available on the TCC20 meeting page (<https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc20>). The cover page and document should be emailed to TCC20@wcpfc.int.

CCMs are requested to **provide delegation papers/proposals and/or requests for ODF topics** at least 30 days ahead of the meeting, i.e. by **Monday, 26th August 2024**.

- Where a CCM requests creation of an ODF topic, they will be responsible for facilitating discussion and presenting summary of discussions and proposed recommendations to plenary where required.

The ODF will be accessible only to registered and approved TCC20 participants. Support for registrations and using Zoom is available from the [Online Meeting Resources](#) helpdesk.

An indicative meeting schedule will be developed and posted on the TCC20 website in due course. This will, amongst others, confirm the indicative scheduling for the review of the Draft Compliance Monitoring Reports covering RY 2023 (CMM 2023-04).

All related enquiries about the TCC20 meeting should be addressed to the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott: lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int.

Meeting Registration

Online meeting registration is available at the TCC20 meeting site and all participants are requested to register through this link <https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/tcc20>.

Continuing the TCC14 pledge for TCC to be 'plastic bottle' free

Participants are reminded to bring their own water bottles for use during the meetings, and as a contribution to minimizing single-use plastic at WCPFC meetings. Extra water coolers will be provided at the meeting.

Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories

The Commission will fund the participation (a daily allowance and most direct economical airfare) of one representative from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission. Formal nominations for participants to receive this support should be submitted to the Secretariat Finance and Administration Manager, Mr Aaron Nighswander at aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int by **Thursday, 29th August 2024**, under the signature of their WCPFC Official Contact for eligible developing countries and participating territories.

The latest date for travel arrangements of funded nominees to be finalized is two weeks prior to commencing travel.

Visa to visit the Federated States of Micronesia

Most participants visiting Federated States of Micronesia should pass through either Honolulu or Guam airport, where they are required to have a US transit visa. Visitors to the Federated States of Micronesia do not require an entry permit for stays up to 30 days; however, visitors must have an onward ticket and a passport valid for at least 120 days. An entry permit is required for visits longer than 30 days, extendable up to one year.

For further visa requirements please refer to: <https://visit-micronesia.fm/regulations>

Airport Transfers

Transport from the Pohnpei Airport to the hotels in Pohnpei is available by hotel. Please contact your hotels for transportation arrangement.

Currency in FSM

The currency used in the Federated States of Micronesia is the U.S. dollar. Bank of Guam provides currency exchange services for the Australian Dollar, Philippine Peso, Japanese Yen, Hong Kong dollar and Korean Won.

Accommodation

Available accommodation is listed in **Table 1** below. Those participants needing accommodation should book directly with the hotel of their choice as soon as possible. All rates noted below are tax inclusive. Some alternative accommodation options may also be available.

Table 1. Accommodation in Pohnpei

| Hotel | Room Rates (tax included) | Amenities | No. of Rooms |
|--|--|---|--------------|
| Cliff Rainbow Hotel reservations@cliffrainbow.com Ph: (691) 320-2414/2415/2416 and 320-5834 By Rose Ricardo | Standard (9) \$ 58.30 Single Deluxe (4) \$ 111.30 Double Deluxe(18) \$ 137.80 | Air-conditioned rooms, free internet, refrigerators, Coffee-maker; \$10 Airport pick-up or drop-off Restaurant onsite | 31 Rooms |
| (Additional Property) The Villa yolanieroute@gmail.com Ph: (691) 320-5187/3495/2221 By: Yolanie Route | Queen Deluxe (10) \$ 127.20 King Deluxe (8) \$ 153.70 | Air-conditioned, telephone, TV, refrigerator, free internet, \$10 one way Airport pickup or drop off per person | 18 rooms |
| 7 Star Inn 7starsinn.reception@gmail.com www.7starsinn.com Ph: (691) 320-6383/320-6147 By: Florna Lick | Single (2) \$ 78.75 Double (10) \$ 94.50 Deluxe (3) \$ 99.75 Studio (1) \$ 120.75 Suite (3) \$ 136.50 | Air conditioned, Cable TV, free internet, Refrigerator, Free Airport pickup and drop-off Restaurant & Bar/Lounge onsite. | 19 Rooms |

| Hotel | Room Rates (tax included) | Amenities | No. of Rooms |
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| Oceanview Hotel – West Wing rumorsinc@mail.fm www.fm/oceanview Ph: (691) 320-7978/320-3486 By: Meriam Gilmete | Single: Ocean View (2) \$ 95 Mountain View (2) \$ 85 Double: Ocean View (2) \$ 142 Mountain View (3) \$ 132 Cottages: (5) \$ 85 | Air conditioned rooms, refrigerator, free internet, coffee maker, Free Airport pickup and drop off. Restaurant on site | 9 Rooms & 5 Cottages |
| Island Palms Hotel islandpalmshotel@gmail.com Ph: (691) 320-1074/320-2573-2575 By: Janet Martin | Single Standard Full (1) \$ 59 Single Queen (1) \$ 69 Single King (1) \$ 79 Queen Deluxe (3) \$ 85 Queen/King Deluxe (5) \$ 99.50 Double Standard/Deluxe (5) \$ 120 Suite (1) \$150 | Air-conditioned rooms, Free Wifi, Cable TV; Free Airport pickup and drop off; Restaurant on site | 17 Rooms |
| Sea Breeze Hotel seabreezehotel691@gmail.com (691) 320-2065/320-2066 By Junsuh Ehsa | Single (8) \$ 81.75 Double (9) \$ 92.65 Triple (2) \$ 98.10 | Air-conditioned rooms, telephone, refrigerator, cable TV, Free internet, Airport pickup and drop off; Restaurant onsite | 19 Rooms |
| AA Getaway Resto AAGetaway22@gmail.com Ph: (691) 320-3662 By: June Abello | Studio type Unit Max Occupancy 3pax / additional cost for extra \$ 150 Storey Suite Max 4ppl \$ 250 Floating Huts Max 2ppl \$ 25 | Air condition, refrigerator, Free internet, Coffee Maker, Access to Ocean Park, Kayaks, Picnic area; Restaurant on site | 1 - Studio Unit 1 - Two Storey Honey Moon Suite 3 - Floating Huts |
| Yvonne Hotel reservations@yvonnehotel.com Ph: (691) 320-5130/1248 By: Jason Neth | Room rates/room types at price various price ranges from \$65-\$149 A non-refundable deposit of 25 percent of total room cost required | Air-conditioned rooms, refrigerator, Free internet, laundry facilities, rooms with kitchenette. Available Conference and private meeting rooms; Catering/room service; Airport transfers based availability | 40 Rooms |

| Hotel | Room Rates (tax included) | Amenities | No. of Rooms |
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| Mangrove Bay Hotel, Bar & Marina mangrovebayhotel@gmail.com www.mangrovebaypohnpei.com Ph: (691) 320-5454/921-9363 By: Rachel Falcom | Standard (1-8) \$ 120 Suite (9)/2pax \$ 250 3pax or more \$ 360 House\$ 360 | Air-conditioned rooms, Free internet, refrigerator, Bar/Restaurant on site Kayak rentals | 9 Rooms/1 House |
| Oceanview Hotel – East Wing Oceanview_plaza@yahoo.com Ph: (691) 320-5075 By: Anisa Sohrab | Single rooms Mountain View (3) \$ 85 Ocean View (2) \$ 95 Twin room (1) \$ 120 | Air conditioned rooms, refrigerator, microwave, Free internet, Coffee Maker, Iron | 6 Rooms |
| China Star Hotel neibing2503lly@gmail.com (691) 320-1788/320-4390 By: Dolina Ezekias | 2 nd Floor Rooms Single (6) \$ 78 Double (6) \$ 98 3 rd Floor Rooms Single (7) \$ 98 Double (8) \$ 108 | Air-conditioned rooms, refrigerator, telephone TV, Free Airport pickup and drop off. transfers, Close to airport, Restaurant onsite | 27 Rooms |
| Joy Hotel Joy_ponape@mail.fm Ph: (691)320-2477/2447 By: Wihne Joel | Single (2) \$ 79.50 Double (8) \$ 100.70 | Air conditioned rooms, telephone, refrigerator, TV, internet, Airport pickup and drop-off | 10 Rooms |
| Hideaway Hotel hideaway@mail.fm Ph: (691) 320-1970 By: Sena Amyda | Cottages (6) \$ 75 | Air-conditioned rooms, refrigerator, Free internet; Bar/Restaurant on sight | 6 Cottages |
| Beacon Towers Apartment larryvcs@gmail.com Ph: (691) 320-7820 By: Lula-Mae Sannicolas | Double Rm (8) \$ 85 | Air-conditioned rooms, TV, Free internet, kitchenette, refrigerator, Coffee Maker | 8 Rooms |
