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MEETING NOTICE

WCPFC-SS1-2010/01 05 March 2010

In accordance with the Commission Rules of Procedure, Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) are invited to attend the First Special Session (SS1) of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

Agenda

In accordance with Rules of Procedure, the following documents have been prepared:

- a. Meeting Notice (WCPFC-SS1-2010-01)
- b. Provisional Agenda (WCPFC-SS1-2010-02); and
- c. Provisional Schedule (WCPFC-SS1-2010-03)

Observers

In accordance with Rule 6 and 36 of the Commission Rules of Procedure, CCMs, Observers and others desiring to participate in the SS1 meeting are respectfully requested to advise the Secretariat at the earliest opportunity of contact details for official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives and advisers.

All enquiries about the SS1 meeting should be addressed to the Finance and Administration Office at the WCPFC Secretariat, Mr Ken Smithson The Secretariat will provide logistical and administrative support to the Session.

SS1 Meeting Documents

Apart from the WCPFC6-2009/DP20 (Rev. 5) that sets out the agreed procedures for the selection of the Executive Director, the only documentation that CCMs will require will be the documents associated with each candidate's application for the post of Executive Director. As these have already been distributed to delegations no additional hard copies will be made available in Brisbane. A copy of WCPFC6-2009/DP20 (Rev. 5) which was adopted by WCPFC6 will be placed on the meeting website.

Meeting Venue

The SS1 meeting will take place at Brisbane, Australia on Friday2nd July 2010. The meeting venue will be the Brisbane International Convention Centre (*www*.bcec.com.au).

Accommodation

Participants are required to make their own accommodation arrangements.

Registration

Participants are asked to return a completed registration form (WCPFC-SS1-2010/03) to Herolyn Movick, preferably by e-mail (<u>herolyn.movick@wcpfc.int</u>) or fax (+691 320 1108) as soon as possible, and ideally no later than 1st June 2010. For those delegations with more than one participant I would prefer registrations to be submitted in batches by a key contact for each CCM/Observer.

Visa for Australia

All visitors to Australia are encouraged to check entry visa requirements at www.immi.gov.au

Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories

No funding was allocated by WCPFC6 at Tahiti in December 2010 to support the participation of representatives from each developing country and participating territory in this Special Session. However, utilising funding provided to support the meetings of the Commission and its subsidiary bodies in 2010 funding sufficient to support a daily allowance for one day could be possible. Formal nominations for participants to receive this support should be submitted to the Secretariat under the signature of the WCPFC Official Contact for qualifying developing country and participating territory CCMs by 1 May 2010. This is offered on the basis that the majority of participants from developing countries or participating territories will also be participating in the t-RFMO workshops that are scheduled to immediately precede SS1.

I wish to thank you in advance for providing prompt, complete details relating to your proposed participation in this important meeting of the Commission.

Yours sincerely

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Andrew Wright Executive Director