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SC3 OUTCOMES RELATING TO THE TCC

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Introduction

1. The Third Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC3) met at Honolulu, Hawaii from 13 to 24 August 2007. Several recommendations in the draft SC3 Summary Report refer to possible action by the WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC) in general, or the Third Regular Session of the TCC (TCC3) in particular.

Seabird By-catch Mitigation

2. SC3 could not reach complete agreement with regard to the technical specifications for seabird by-catch mitigation, particularly on whether these should include operational conditions such as weather and oceanic conditions. Paragraph 187 of the draft SC3 Summary Report notes that this matter should be considered by the TCC.

3. Item 3.2 of the TCC3 provisional agenda provides for discussion of mitigation measures for seabirds pursuant to CMM-2006-02. A detailed account of the SC3 outcomes on this issue is provided in WCPFC-TCC3-2007/22.

Rules and Procedures for Access to, and dissemination of, data compiled by the Commission

4. Paragraph 250 of the draft SC3 Summary Report states that the Scientific Committee forwards suggestions on the “Rules and Procedures for Access to, and Dissemination of, Data Compiled by the Commission” made by the Statistics Specialist Working Group (in WCPFC-SC3-2007/IP-9) so that they might be considered by TCC3 and the Commission.

5. Item 7.1 of the TCC3 provisional agenda provides for discussion of this issue. Details of these draft rules and procedures are available in WCPFC-TCC3-2007/17.

Draft Information Security Policy

6. On the issue of the draft Information Security Policy (ISP) prepared by the Secretariat, SC3 recommended that:

- i) the Secretariat proceed immediately with the implementation of the ISP; and
- ii) that if CCMs wish to provide written comments on the ISP they do so before the 16th November 2007 (and preferably before TCC3).

7. Item 7.3 of the TCC3 provisional agenda provides for discussion of this issue. Details of the draft ISP are available in WCPFC-TCC3-2007/16.

Rules of Procedure for Subsidiary Bodies

8. The SC3 recommended that the Executive Director consult with CCMs regarding the issue of rules of procedure for subsidiary bodies and, taking into account the comments tabled at, or provided during, SC3 on the draft rules and procedures recommended by SC2, and any comments provided by NC3 and TCC3, provide to WCPFC4 options for progressing this issue. Item 7.0 of the TCC3 draft provisional agenda provides for discussion of this issue.

Conclusion

9. TCC3 is invited to:
- i. note the outcomes of the SC3 meeting relating to the TCC; and
 - ii. address each of these issues under the appropriate item in the TCC provisional agenda.