

TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

Second Regular Session

28 September to 03 October 2006 Brisbane, Australia

NOTICE OF MEETING AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

WCPFC/TCC2/2006/01 29 June 2006

In accordance with the Commission Rules of Procedure, Members are invited to attend the Second Meeting of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC2) of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

With generous assistance from the Government of Australia, the WCPFC-TCC2 meeting will take place at Brisbane, Australia from Thursday 28 September to Tuesday 03 October 2006, with Sunday 1 October designated as a 'free' day. The meeting venue will be the Carlton Crest Hotel (please see details below regarding accommodation arrangements).

Agenda

In accordance with Rules of Procedure, the following provisional agendas have been prepared.

- a. provisional agenda (WCPFC/TCC/2006/03);
- b. provisional annotated agenda (WCPFC/TCC2/2006/04)
- c. indicative schedule for the meeting (WCPFC/2006/TCC2/05);

The inclusion of any supplementary items in the agenda accompanied by a written explanation may be requested at least thirty days before the meeting, this is by 28 August 2006. These documents will also shortly be available at www.wcpfc.org on the Meetings page.

Observers

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

All enquiries about the TCC2 meeting should be addressed to the Chair of the Technical and Compliance Committee, Mr Apolosi Turaganivalu (aturaganivalu@mff.net.fj), with a copy to the WCPFC Secretariat's Compliance Manager, Mr Andrew Richards (andrewr@mail.fm). Messrs Turaganivalu and Richards are the principal contacts in relation to the technical content and structure of the TCC2 meeting while the WCPFC Secretariat, in close consultation with 'Event

Solutions' (<u>info@eventsolutions.com.au</u>) will provide logistical and administrative support in Brisbane.

Brisbane, Australia

Background information about Brisbane, including city maps and weather details is available at http://www.ourbrisbane.com

TCC2 Meeting Documents

Every effort will be made to post all meeting documents on the WCPFC website by 1 September 2006. All participants will be individually responsible for downloading their meeting papers and printing them out, as required. Participants who are unable to download meeting papers will be provided with a CD-ROM on arrival at Brisbane, or in exceptional circumstances, a hard-copy. Please advise Herolyn Movick (wcpfc@mail.fm) when registering, of any anticipated difficulties with downloading meeting papers.

Meeting Venue

The meeting venue will be the <u>Carlton Crest Hotel</u>, King George Square, corner of Ann and Roma Streets Brisbane, Queensland, Australia 4000 (GPO Box 934, Brisbane, Queensland 4001). Telephone: +61 7 3229 9111; Fax: +61 7 3229 9618.

Accommodation

Event Solutions has arranged for a block-booking of rooms at the Carlton Crest Hotel that attracts a significant discount for TCC participants. These reserved rooms are Carlton Classic Rooms priced at:

- a. AUD155.00 per night (room only single, twin or double occupancy);
- b. AUD200.00 per night (room only triple share).

Full cooked breakfast is AUD28.00 extra per person.

All rooms feature a mini-bar, air-conditioning with individual temperature control, CNN, infrared keyboard e-mail/Internet access, view on-demand movies, tea and coffee making facilities, hair dryers, ironing facilities and secure electronic key systems. The hotel also has designated non-smoking floors.

Alternative accommodation options in Brisbane include:

Hotel Name, Address and Room Style	Room set-up	Features	Cost (AUD)
Brisbane Hilton Hotel, 190 Elizabeth Street (Run of house)	Single, twin or double, room only.	All rooms feature bathrobes, minibar, airconditioning, tea and coffee making facilities, hair dryer, Internet access, ironing facilities, room safe.	235.00

	Single, twin or double with full breakfast.	As above.	265.00
Sofitel Brisbane, Turbot Street (Classic Room)	Single, twin or double, room only.	Rooms have bathrobes and slippers, mini-bar, air-conditioning, tea and coffee making facilities, Internet access, ironing facilities, 24-hour room service, cable TV and in-house movies.	215.00
Abbey Apartments, 160 Roma Street (one-bedroom apartments) info@abbeyhotel.com.au	Per night, with a minimum six-night stay – serviced weekly.	Apartments have microwave and cook top, kettle, toaster, fridge, cooking utensils, washing machine and dryer. A café downstairs is open for breakfast and lunch, Monday-Friday,	105.00

It is essential that prospective participants advise the WCPFC Secretariat (Herolyn Movick) preferably by email (wcpfc@mail.fm) or fax (+691 320 1108) as soon as possible about:

- i. their anticipated arrival and departure details; and
- ii. accommodation preferences including whether or not they wish to share a room at the Carlton Crest (please see attached Registration Form).

Exchange Rates

Indicative exchange rates are available at xe.com The Universal Currency Converter.

Registration

Participants are asked to return the completed registration form (WCPFC/TCC2/2006/02) to Herolyn Movick, preferably by email (wcpfc@mail.fm) or fax (+691 320 1108) as soon as possible. The closing date for registration is [insert date]. For those delegations with more than one participant I would prefer registrations to be submitted in batches by a key contact for each Member/Observer.

Airport Transfers

Transport from the Brisbane International Airport to the Carlton Crest Hotel is available by:

- <u>shuttle bus</u> (meets all major flights approximate fare AUD11.00)
- <u>AirTrain</u> (departing every 15 minutes during peak time approximate fare AUD9.00)
- taxi (approximate fare AUD30.00)

Visa to visit Australia

Most nationals of WCPFC members will require a visa to visit Australia. Participants are strongly encouraged to confirm visa arrangements with the nearest <u>Australian High Commission</u>, <u>Embassy or Consulate</u>.

Submission of National Reports

National Reports must be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat 30 days prior to WCPFC-TCC2 (28 August 2006) based on Part 2 'Management and Compliance' of the template provided in Attachment D of the report of the first regular session of the Technical and Compliance Committee.

Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories

The Commission will fund the participation (a daily allowance and most direct, economy-class 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 WCPFC Secretariat under the signature of the WCPFC Official Contact for qualifying developing country and participating territory Members by 1 September 2006.

I wish to thank you in advance for providing prompt, complete details relating to your proposed participation in this important meeting of the WCPFC Technical and Compliance Committee.

Andrew Wright Executive Director