
**FIRST MEETING
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, POHNPEI, FEDERATED STATES OF MICRONESIA,
5-9 DECEMBER 2005**

WCPFC/TCC1/05
15th September 2005

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING

The Session will open at 09:30 on Monday, 5th December 2005.

The Chair (Mr Apolosi Turaganivalu, Fiji), will open the First Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and welcome delegations of the WCPFC Members and observers. Participating Members and observers will be introduced, as will the Executive Director of the WCPFC, Mr Andrew Wright.

1.1 Welcome

The Chair will introduce (TBA) of (TBA) who will make the welcoming address.

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The Chairman will introduce the Provisional Agenda WCPFC2-TCC-2005/???. The Rules of Procedure adopted at WCPFC1 in December 2004, will apply *mutatus mutandis* until such time as the TCC adopts its own Rules of Procedure (Rule 31). The Rules of Procedure provide that Members may propose supplementary items up until 30 days before the meeting (Rule 3). The Agenda, as modified, will need to be adopted by the meeting (Rule 5).

1.3 Meeting arrangements

The Chairman will invite WCPFC2 to review the Provisional Schedule noting logistical arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social engagements.

1.4 Election of Vice Chair

The TCC is invited to consider the selection of a Vice Chairman.

AGENDA ITEM 2 REVIEW OF STATUS OF MEASURES

2.1 Report by the Secretariat

Article 14 (1) of the Convention describes the functions of the TCC. These include the provision of information, technical advice and recommendations relating to the implementation of, and compliance with, conservation and management measures. WCPFC requested the Technical and Compliance Committee (Annex II of the Summary Record) to provide advice to the Commission in advance of WCPFC2 on issues that may require consideration for the possible implementation of conservation and management measures. The Secretariat will provide a brief report to the TCC on information received from Members and Cooperating non-members including information received under Article 24(5).

2.2 Reports from Members & Cooperating Non-Members

Pursuant to Article 14 (2) and Part VI of the Convention, Members and Cooperating non-members are invited to supplement the report by the Secretariat by reporting on measures taken to implement, and monitor, the provisions of the Convention.

AGENDA ITEM 3 DEVELOPMENT OF A STRUCTURE FOR MONITORING AND REVIEWING COMPLIANCE WITH CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

3.1 Structure for Monitoring & Reviewing Compliance with Conservation & Management Measures by Members, Cooperating Non-Members & Others

The Secretariat, in collaboration with some Members, will provide an overview of the structure in other regional fisheries management organizations (RFMOs) for monitoring and reviewing compliance with conservation and management measures.

3.2 Standards for Reporting by Members and Cooperating non-Members to Monitor Compliance

Based on the information and discussion presented under Agenda Item 3.1, the TCC will consider the elements of a structure and procedures for monitoring and reviewing compliance with conservation and management measures in WCPFC.

AGENDA ITEM 4 IMPLEMENTATION OF COOPERATIVE MEASURES FOR MONITORING, CONTROL, SURVEILLANCE AND ENFORCEMENT

4.1 VMS standards, specifications and procedures

The Resolution adopted by WCPFC1 (Annex II to the Summary Record) requested the TCC to consider the vessel monitoring programme as a matter of priority at its 2005

meeting. Using the work of Working Group III as a basis, supplemented by additional material that may be circulated by the Secretariat or Members in advance of the Meeting, the TCC will consider VMS standards, specifications and procedures. Discussion in the TCC will include consideration of a programme of work to give effect to Article 24(8) during 2006

4.2 MCS component of the observer program

The Resolution adopted by WCPFC1 (Annex II to the Summary Record) requested the TCC to consider the regional observer programme as a matter of priority at its 2005 meeting. Using the work of Working Group III as a basis, supplemented by additional material that may be circulated by the Secretariat or Members in advance of the Meeting, the TCC will consider standards, criteria and procedures for an observer programme that may be established under Article 28 of the Convention. Discussion in the TCC will include consideration of a programme of work to give effect to Article 28 during 2006.

4.3 Boarding and inspection procedures

Article 26(1) of the Convention requires the Commission to establish procedures for boarding and inspection of fishing vessels on the high seas in the Convention Area. Article 26(2) states further that if, within two years of the entry into force of the Convention (i.e. June 2006), the Commission is not able to agree to such procedures, or an alternative mechanism, Articles 21 and 22 of the UN Fish Stocks Agreement, and any such additional procedures as the Commission may decide as necessary for the implementation of Articles 21 and 22 shall be applied. Using the work of Working Group III as a basis, supplemented by additional material that may be circulated by the Secretariat or Members in advance of the Meeting, the TCC will consider procedures for boarding and inspection on the high seas within the Convention Area including recommendations for any additional work that may be required to assist the Commission adopt measures relating to boarding and inspection.

4.4 Port State measures

Article 27 of the Convention provides for a port State to take measures, in accordance with international law, to promote the effectiveness of sub-regional, regional and global conservation and management measures. Using the work of Working Group III as a basis, supplemented by additional material that may be circulated by the Secretariat or Members in advance of the Meeting, the TCC will consider measures that may be adopted by port States in support of the conservation and management measures of the Convention.

4.5 Port inspections

Using the work of Working Group III as a basis, supplemented by additional material that may be circulated by the Secretariat or Members in advance of the Meeting, the TCC will consider elements of port inspection procedures that could be considered by port States in support of the conservation and management measures of the Convention.

4.6 Transshipment monitoring

Article 29 and Article 4 of Annex III of the Convention requires the Commission to develop procedures for transshipment and to obtain and verify data on the quantity and species transhipped both in port and at sea in the Convention Area. Using the work of Working Group III as a basis, supplemented by additional material that may be circulated by the Secretariat or Members in advance of the Meeting, the TCC will consider key elements of procedures that may be established by the Commission to give effect to Article 4 of Annex III including recommendations for any additional work that may be required to assist the Commission adopt measures relating to transshipment.

4.7 MCS Priorities

The outcomes of the discussion in TCC on the agenda items above will be used to assist with the identification of priorities for monitoring and reviewing the implementation, and compliance with, conservation and management measures.

AGENDA ITEM 5 ADVICE ON MEASURES REQUESTED BY THE COMMISSION

5.1 Implementation of possible conservation and management measures including time/area closures or alternative measures to control sets on floating objects.

The Resolution adopted by WCPFC1 (Annex II to the Summary Record) requested the TCC to provide advice on issues that may require consideration for the effective implementation of possible conservation and management measures including time/area closures or alternative measures to control sets on floating objects. Among the

information that the TCC will consider under this item will be the report of the Scientific Committee that met at Noumea, 8-19 August 2005.

AGENDA ITEM 6 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

6.1 Work Programme for 2006

Based on the outcomes of discussion on matters before the first meeting of the TCC and other matters relating to conservation and measures that may be considered by the Commission the TCC will recommend a programme of work for the TCC for 2006 for subsequent consideration by WCPFC2.

AGENDA ITEM 7 OTHER MATTERS

7.1 Cooperation with other organizations

In accordance with Article 22 of the Convention, the TCC will consider priorities and a possible plan of action for strengthening consultation and collaboration with other organizations, including other subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

7.2 Requirements of developing States

In accordance with Article 30 of the Convention the TCC will consider guidelines, criteria and activities for assisting developing states, territories and possessions build capacity in relation to the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area.

7.3 Other business

In accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, any member of the Commission, the Chairman or the Executive Director may, at least thirty (30) days before the date for the meeting request the inclusion of supplementary items.

7.4 Next meeting

The date and place for the second meeting of the TCC will be agreed.

AGENDA ITEM 8 REPORT TO THE COMMISSION

8.1 Adoption of the report of the first regular session of the Technical & Compliance Committee and any advice and recommendations to the Commission

The TCC will need to adopt a report, including advice and recommendations, to the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 9 CLOSE OF MEETING

9.1 Closing of the meeting
