



SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
Third Regular Session
13-24 August 2007
Honolulu, USA

MEETING NOTICE AND INFORMATION

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In accordance with the Commission Rules of Procedure, the Third Regular Session of the Scientific Committee of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC-SC 3) will be held in Honolulu, USA, from 13 to 24 August, 2007. The venue of the meeting will be the Hawai'i Convention Center, Honolulu, HI, USA. The following documents are being circulated in association with this Notice:

- Provisional agenda for the meeting (WCPFC-SC3-2007/02);
- Provisional annotated agenda for the meeting (WCPFC-SC3-2007/03);
- Indicative schedule for the meeting (WCPFC-SC3-2007/04); and
- Registration form (WCPFC-SC3-2007/05).

All meeting documents will be posted on the Commission's website (www.wcpfc.int) as they become available.

In accordance with the Rules of Procedure for the Commission, CCMs and observers desiring to participate are requested to advise the Secretariat of contact details for official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives and advisers by 20 July 2007.

Accommodation

Accommodation for the meeting has been reserved at the Ala Moana Hotel, 410 Atkinson Drive, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814, Ph: 808-955-4811, Fax: 808-944-6839. Please make reservations directly with the hotel, by contacting (808) 955 4811, Fax 808-944-6839 or via email from the website (http://outrigger.com/hotels_detail.aspx?hotel=110). The special rate for a single room up to two person is \$115.00 + tax and for three people, \$155.00 + tax. Reservation will be closed on 12 July.

Additional hotel near the Convention Center is Pagoda Hotel (1525 Rycroft Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814, Direct: (808) 923-4511, Toll Free: (800) 472-4632, Fax: (808) 955-5067, E-mail: pagres@hthcorp.com) with a special room rate of \$99 + tax. Fifty rooms in the main building are reserved for the meeting and reservation. The special rate offer will close on 1 July.

When booking, please advise your reservation is under the "Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council" – both hotels have also been advised to recognize "WCPFC".

If problems are encountered in making hotel reservations, please contact Ellen Reformina at the Western Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Council (email: ellen.reformina@noaa.gov, phone: (808) 522-8220, fax: (808) 522-8226).

Registration

Participants are encouraged to use web registration (See SC3 meeting site). In the event web access is not available, the completed registration form may be submitted to the Secretariat by email (preferred - wcpfc@mail.fm) or fax (+691 320 1108) by 20 July 2007. For those delegations with more than one member we would prefer registrations to be submitted in batches by a key contact for each Member/Observer.

Airport Transfers

Taxi fare will be about USD 25 from the airport to the Ala Moana Hotel, the Pagoda Hotel and the Hawai'i Convention Center.

Visa for the USA

Participants are required to ask their governments on the status of visa requirements to the USA. There are many websites for the US visa information and one example is <http://www.immihelp.com/visas/visitor/vwp.html> for Visa Waiver Program.

Preparatory Meeting

A Preparatory Meeting, for Heads of Delegation only, will be held at the Hawai'i Convention Center on Sunday 12 August at 1600 h, convened by the Chair Dr Dae-yeon Moon. Participants are invited to consider organization of the meeting including the election or confirmation of a new SC Vice-Chair.

Specialist Working Groups (SWG)

The Scientific Committee will comprise six Specialist Working Groups (SWGs) which will meet consecutively during the first week of WCPFC-SC 3.

The SWG and their Conveners are as follows:

- Biology SWG (Convener: Chi-lu Sun)
- Ecosystem and Bycatch SWG (Co-Convener: Paul Dalzell and Peter Ward)
- Fishing Technology SWG (Convener: David Itano)
- Methods SWG (Convener: Robert Campbell)
- Statistics SWG (Convener: Kim Duckworth)
- Stock Assessment SWG (Co-Conveners: Naozumi Miyabe and Max Stocker).

Submission of Papers

The procedure for submission of papers will be as follows:

- National Reports and the Annual Report to the Commission – Part 1 (Attachment D of the TCC2 Summary Report), must be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat by 13 July 2007. A two to three paragraph abstract should accompany the submission of the National Report so that it can be inserted into the Report of the meeting.

- The title of a paper proposed for presentation to the meeting, including an abstract, should be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat, relevant SWG conveners and the Chair of the Scientific Committee (Dr Dae-yeon Moon, dymoon@nfrdi.re.kr) as early as possible but no later than 6 July 2007 (five weeks in advance of the start of WCPFC-SC-3). SWG conveners, in consultation with the author(s) and the Chair, will have the final say on which SWG will consider each paper, which papers are presented (i.e. Working Papers), and which are simply provided for information (Information Papers). Document numbers will be allocated at this time.
- All papers, including an abstract that specifically addresses the agenda item under consideration, must be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat and to the relevant conveners in electronic form by 25 July 2007. Papers that are not available in the advance of the meeting will not be discussed at the meeting.
- All papers will be posted on the SC3 website by 30 July 2007. All participants will be responsible for downloading their papers and printing them out, should that be desired. Limited printing and photocopying services will be available at the meeting venue.

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 under the signature of their WCPFC Official Contact for qualifying developing country and participating territory Members by Friday July 13.

Any enquiries about the SC 3 meeting should be directed to the Chairman of the Scientific Committee, Dr Dae-yeon Moon (dymoon@nfrdi.re.kr) preferably with a copy to the WCPFC Secretariat's Science Manager, Dr SungKwon Soh (sungkwons@mail.fm).



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