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**Subject: SPAJWG-INF01 Co-Chairs' Summary Report, revised draft TOR for the establishment of the SPAJWG, and an announcement of the second WCPFC and IATTC informal joint meeting of the SPAJWG**

Dear All,

In follow-up to the first Informal Joint Meeting of the WCPFC and IATTC on South Pacific Albacore, please find below several important updates, including the Co-Chairs' Summary Report, a revised draft TOR, a provisional SPAJWG Workplan, and details on the next informal joint meeting. Your timely review and feedback will be appreciated to support the continued progress of this joint initiative.

**1. SPAJWG-INF01 Summary Report**

The Co-Chairs' Summary Report for the first Joint WCPFC and IATTC Informal Meeting on the Management of South Pacific Albacore Tuna, held virtually on 20 May 2025, is posted at [Co-Chairs' Summary Report](#).

**2. Revised Terms of Reference for the establishment of the SPAJWG**

WCPFC Circular 2025-38 contained a revised draft of the Terms of Reference (TORs) prepared by the United States, including suggestions and accompanying comments raised during the first meeting, which is available in [SPAJWG-INF02-2025-01](#). To facilitate an efficient discussion at the second informal meeting, additional time is being provided for CCMs to submit any feedback on the revised TORs by Tuesday, 15 July 2025 (Pohnpei time) to:

- US Representative Dr. Alex Kahl [alex.kahl@noaa.gov](mailto:alex.kahl@noaa.gov)
- WCPFC Chair Dr. Josie Tamate [josie.tamate@gmail.com](mailto:josie.tamate@gmail.com)
- IATTC Chair Dr. Andres Arens [aarens@iattc.org](mailto:aarens@iattc.org)
- WCPFC Secretariat [wcpfc@wcpfc.int](mailto:wcpfc@wcpfc.int)

**3. Provisional 2026 SPAJWG Workplan**

As discussed at the first informal joint meeting, the IATTC and WCPFC Secretariats have developed a Provisional 2026 SPAJWG Workplan for the IATTC–WCPFC Joint Working Group

on South Pacific Albacore, which is at [SPAJWG-INF02-2025-02](#). CCMs are kindly requested to submit any feedback on the SPAJWG Workplan by Tuesday, 15 July 2025 (Pohnpei time) to:

- WCPFC Science Manager Dr SungKwon Soh: [sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int](mailto:sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int)
- IATTC Policy Officer Brad A. Wiley: [bwiley@iattc.org](mailto:bwiley@iattc.org)

**4. Announcement of the Second Informal Meeting for the SPAJWG**

The Second Informal SPAJWG Virtual Meeting will be held for two hours on Friday, 1 August 2025 (Pohnpei time). The meeting times are as follows:

- 10:00 AM, Friday, 1 August 2025 (Pohnpei Time)
- 4:00 PM, Thursday, 31 July 2025 (Pacific Daylight Time)

For any general comments or queries related to SPAJWG preparations, please contact WCPFC Science Manager, Dr. SungKwon Soh.

Yours sincerely,



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