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**OUTCOMES OF INFORMAL SMALL GROUP TO CONSIDER INDEPENDENT
REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S TRANSITIONAL SCIENCE STRUCTURE AND
FUNCTIONS**

WCPFC-SC3-*Informal Small Group*/WP-3

OUTCOMES OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER:

**INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S TRANSITIONAL
SCIENCE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS**

1. An informal working group met to discuss the draft proposal for the Independent Review of the Commission's Transitional Science Structure and Functions prepared for SC3 (WCPFC/SC3/2007/GN-WP15).

Scope

2. The working group was invited to provide advice on any aspect of the draft proposal but chose to concentrate on the organizational structure of the review in response to Japan's proposal at WCPFC3. The group considered the establishment and composition of a steering committee, reviewer attributes and dissemination of an Expression of Interest (EOI).

Steering Committee

3. The working group recommended the establishment of a Steering Committee which would solicit an EOI, evaluate and select an expert reviewer(s) and monitor the independent review process. The composition of the Steering Committee would be composed of five (5) individuals: the Chair of the Commission, Chairs of the WCPFC SC, TCC and NC and the Executive Director of the Commission.

Reviewer attributes

4. Expert reviewer(s) attributes would correspond to the list in WCPFC/SC3/2007/GN-WP15. Reviewer(s) could be individuals or be affiliated with a qualified firm or institution. In order to obtain an independent review, the reviewer(s) can not be staff members of the WCPFC Secretariat or SC scientific provider (SPC) nor be an officer or delegation representative of the SC, TCC, NC or ISC during the review process.

Dissemination of an Expression of Interest (EOI)

5. The EOI will be distributed to CCM Official Contacts for further re-distribution within their member countries and also advertised internationally.

Budget

6. The working group reaffirmed the importance of the cost efficiency and cost effectiveness of the review process. The working group recommended that the

budget for the review will not exceed the level of \$USD80,000 as appropriated in the 2007 budget.

The working group suggested the following changes (bold) to the Provisional Indicative Schedule in WCPFC/SC3/2007/GN-WP15.

| Task | Timeframe [tentative] |
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| Finalize reviewer attributes, process and ToR | SC3, August 2007 |
| Endorsement by Commission through correspondence | September 2007 |
| Establish email Steering Committee | September 2007 |
| Advertise opportunity and call for EoI to CCMs and International Community | October – November 2007 |
| Close of EoI | November 2007 |
| Steering Committee selects reviewer(s) at WCPFC4 | December 2007 |
| Formal and opportunistic consultations with full range of stakeholders including possible stock assessment preparatory workshop in Noumea (possibly June_ – July 2008) | January 2008 to August 2009 |
| Reviewer participates in ISC | July 2008 |
| Reviewer participates in SC4 | August 2008 |
| Reviewer participates in NC4 | September 2008 |
| Reviewer participates in WCPFC5 [presents Draft Report] | December 2008 |
| Final Report | 1 April 2009 |
| Report to ISC Plenary | July 2009 |
| Report to SC5 | August 2009 |
| Report to NC5 | September 2009 |
| Presentation of Final Report with subsidiary body comments to WCPFC6 | December 2009 |