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

WCPFC-*Informal Small Group* WP-7

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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 the provider of expert reviewer(s). 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.

Terms of Reference for the Steering Committee

4. The Steering Committee will incorporate the Terms of Reference (TORs) for scientific data functions and science function included in WCPFC/SC3/2007/GN-WP15 and agreed to at SC3 for the procurement of services on this action. Completion and circulation of the TORs will be done through standard protocols and practises and will be the responsibility of the Secretariat.
5. The Steering Committee, working in conjunction with the Secretariat will review all expressions of interest (EOI), and make a recommendation for the selection of the provider to the Secretariat. The role of the Steering Committee will cease after selection of the provider. General administration of the review process will remain with the Secretariat who will update the chairs of the WCPFC, SC, TCC and NC, as appropriate.
6. The final report will be made available to all CCMs for their review.

Reviewer attributes

7. 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 of the SC, TCC, NC or ISC or a Head of Delegation to these subsidiary bodies.

Dissemination of an Expression of Interest (EOI)

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

Budget

9. 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 <i>[tentative]</i>
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
Interim reporting ¹	January 2008-August 2009
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

¹ Secretariat will incorporate periodic reporting (quarterly) into the consultancy arrangement, and circulate to all CCMs an update on the status of the review.