



**COMMISSION
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6-10 December 2010

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

**WCPFC6-2009/03
19 October 2010**

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Session will open at 09:00 on Monday, 6 December 2010.

The Commission Chair Ambassador Satya Nandan will welcome delegates from WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs), Observers, IGOs and NGOs.

1.1 Welcoming addresses

The dignitaries from the USA will provide a welcome address.

Following the opening ceremony, the Chair will deal with procedural matters of the Session.

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The provisional agenda for WCPFC7 was prepared and distributed on 7 September 2010 in accordance with Rule 1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. In accordance with Rule 3, Members may propose supplementary items up until 30 days before the meeting (6 November 2010). The provisional agenda was updated on 15 October 2010 as a result of comments received from the Chair. The Commission will be asked how it wishes to deal with supplementary items, if any.

1.3 Meeting arrangements

The Commission will review the Indicative Schedule. The Chair will outline any logistical and administrative arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social engagements.

1.4 Action Items from WCPFC6

The Executive Director will report the progress of action items arising from WCPFC6 for the Commissions further consideration and direction

AGENDA ITEM 2. MEMBERSHIP

2.1 Status of the Convention

The Commission will receive a brief report from New Zealand on the status of the Convention.

2.2 Applications for Observer status

In accordance with Rule 36 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Commission will be advised of any applications for observer status that were received from non-government organisations 50 days in advance of the Session (17 October 2010). The Commission will be advised of those observers that were subsequently invited to participate in the Session.

2.3 Applications for cooperating Non-Members status

The Commission will consider applications for cooperating Non-Member (CNM) received during 2010. The advice and recommendations of the TCC6 in relation to applications received, considered on the basis of procedures provided for in CMM 2009-11 will be available to the Commission. The Commission is invited to discuss the Draft Schedule of CNM Contributions developed by the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 3. ANNUAL REPORTS

3.1 Annual reports by the CCMs

Article 23 and Article 32 require CCMs to report on implementation of the Convention and any CMMs or other matters which may be agreed from time to time. If not already done so (in the form of Part 1 reports submitted to the Scientific Committee (SC) and Part 2 reports submitted to the TCC), hard copy and/or electronic version reports should be forwarded to the Executive Director at least 30 days in advance of WCPFC7 in the format agreed by the Commission. The Chair may invite each CCM to provide a brief summary of the key issues of their Annual Report to the meeting.

3.2 Statements of Non-Members

Non-Members are invited to supply similar reports as described under Agenda Item 3.1 for vessels and fishing activities in the Convention Area for which they are responsible. Hard copy and/or electronic versions of this report should be forwarded to the Executive Director at least 30 days in advance of the Seventh Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC7). The Chair may invite Non-Members to provide a brief summary of key issues of their report to the meeting.

3.3 Special requirements of developing states

CCMs are requested to report on the implementation of Article 30 of the Convention. In accordance with Article 30 of the Convention and recommendations and advice of its subsidiary bodies, the Commission is invited to consider means for assisting developing States, participating territories and possessions build capacity in relation to the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area.

3.4 Annual Report of the Work of the Commission

The Chair will invite the Executive Director to present the annual report on the work of the Commission for the 2010 calendar year and to highlight future work and budget issues for the Secretariat and the Commission. The Commission will discuss inter-sessional activities of the Commission, including any highlighted issues associated with the Secretariat performance and priority issues before the Commission. The ED will highlight future work for the Secretariat.

AGENDA ITEM 4 PROPOSED CMMs FOR CONSIDERATION AT THIS MEETING

4.1 Collation of all proposed CMMs

The Chair will go through the list of proposed CMMs and take any others that CCMs may have. This will allow the members to determine priority and working groups if necessary to progress the CMMs during the course of the meeting.

4.2 List of CMMs for clarification

The listed CMMs are proving problematic to Members and the Secretariat in their implementation with the intent of the CMM not explicit in the actual text of the measure, thus creating confusion in implementation. The Commission will benefit from clarification of these issues.

AGENDA ITEM 5. SCIENCE ISSUES

5.1 Report of the Sixth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC)

The Chair of the SC, Mr Naozumi Miyabe (Japan), will provide a summary of the outcomes of the Sixth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC6) which was held 10-19 August, 2010 at Nuku'alofa, Kingdom of Tonga.

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the SC6, seek additional clarification, request additional scientific advice as necessary, and determine a program of action to implement agreed responses to the scientific advice and recommendations received.

5.1.1 Stock status of key tuna species and evaluation of CMM-2008-01

The Science Service Provider will present the results of bigeye and skipjack tuna stock assessments and evaluation of CMM-2008-01 for the Commissions consideration and revision

5.1.2 Shark Assessment and Research Plan

The Science Provider will present an overview on the development of a shark assessment and research plan for the species in the WCPFC.

5.2 Kobe II Workshop Recommendations on Science and Bycatch.

Members are invited to consider the recommendations for those workshops and decide how they wish to have these recommendations progressed within the WCPFC.

5.3 Program of work for the Scientific Committee for 2011-2013

The SC Chair will present a proposed work programme and budget for scientific services and scientific research for 2011 and an indicative budget for 2012 and 2013.

The Commission will consider the 2011-2013 SC work programme for adoption. The Commission may refer to the advice and recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) in relation to budget considerations.

AGENDA ITEM 6. NORTHERN COMMITTEE

6.1 Report of the Sixth Regular Session of the Northern Committee

The Chair of the NC, Mr Masanori Miyahara (Japan), will present a summary of the outcomes of the NC6 which was held 7-10 September, 2010 at Fukuoka, Japan, with the NC Reference Points Workshop on 6 September 2010. The Chair will report on the NC's response to requests from the Commission on CMMs and present the advice and recommendations of the NC6 to the Commission in respect of northern stocks (Pacific bluefin tuna, North Pacific albacore and North Pacific swordfish).

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the NC6, seek additional clarification, request additional scientific and management advice as necessary, and determine a programme of action to formulate and implement CMMs in respect of the northern stocks.

6.2 Future work program of work for the Northern Committee 2011-2013

The NC Chair will present a proposed work programme and budget for 2011-2013. The Commission is invited to identify items with implications for the Commission's work programme and budget during the presentation.

The Commission will consider the 2011-2013 NC work program for adoption. The Commission may refer to the advice and recommendations of the FAC in relation to budget considerations, noting that costs associated with the NC work program in respect to northern stocks is supported by the NC Members.

AGENDA ITEM 7. TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

7.1 Report of the Sixth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee

The Chair of the TCC, Mr Noan Pakop (Papua New Guinea), will present a summary of the outcomes of the Sixth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC6) which was held 30 September - 6 October, 2010 at Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. The Chair will report on the TCC's response to requests from the Commission in relation to the implementation of CMMs and present the advice and recommendations of the TCC to the Commission in matters relating to the functions of the TCC. Two update papers are presented for the information of the Commission, the first being the receipt of Annual reports Part 1 and Part 2 intersessionally, and the second being the update on the CCMs compliance with CMMs with respect to their reporting.

7.2 Intersessional Reports developed from TCC6

The Commission will review activities and outcomes of the TCC working groups and address issues arising from these working groups since the TTC6 meeting in Pohnpei in October.

7.3 Regional observer Program

The Secretariat will outline progress and development of the Regional Observer Program in its first year of operation and the Commission is invited to discuss how to improve the ROP and costs as we move forward with the program.

7.4 Vessel Monitoring System

The Secretariat will provide an assessment of the performance and challenges with the VMS system and the Commission is invited to discuss improvements to the VMS systems as we move forward into the future.

7.5 Program of work for the TCC for 2011-2013

The TCC Chair will present a proposed work programme and budget for 2011 and an indicative budget for 2012 and 2013.

The Commission will consider the 2011-2013 TCC work programme for adoption. The Commission may refer to the advice and recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) in relation to budget considerations.

AGENDA ITEM 8. AD HOC TASK GROUP – DATA

Noting the delay in the study on catch attribution in respect to charter vessels the Commission may consider ongoing advice and recommendations on data rules and procedures, with initial focus on the issue of data provision obligations and security matters for the ROP.

AGENDA ITEM 9. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES

9.1 Review of existing conservation and management measures

Twenty-four CMMs and five Resolutions relating to vessel records and vessel markings, the sustainability of highly migratory fish stocks, mitigation of by-catch, elements of the Commission's MCS Scheme and capacity reduction adopted during the Multilateral High Level Conference, the Preparatory Conference and preceding sessions of the Commission continue to apply (<http://www.wcpfc.int/conservation-and-management-measures>).

The Commission is invited to consider the implementation and any proposed refinements to the existing CMMs and Resolutions noting the list of CMMs raised at TCC6, in light of advice and recommendations from its subsidiary bodies and experience gained by Members and by the Secretariat in implementing Measures during 2010.

9.2 Report by PNA Members on the implementation of the Vessel Day Scheme

WCPFC4 (paragraph 325) noted that the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) was operational and that the VDS is the measure adopted by PNA Members of the Commission for managing capacity and fishing effort in the EEZs of PNA Members. It was agreed that the PNA would provide a report to the Commission on the implementation of the VDS at each annual session of the Commission.

9.3 Consideration of new measures and other conservation requirements

Following initial discussion in Agenda Item 4, the Commission is invited to consider the formulation of new or supplementary CMMs in accordance with new information and analysis provided by its subsidiary bodies.

AGENDA ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The FAC Co Chairs Mr Tapusalala Terry Toomata (Samoa) and Mr Liu Xiaobing (China) will present a summary of the agenda items and issues, advice and recommendations considered at the Fourth Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC4), 5-10 December 2010 for further consideration, refinement as necessary and adoption by WCPFC7. A Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda for this meeting is available on the WCPFC website.

10.1 Adoption of the Budget and Work plan.

The Commission must formally adopt the budget and work plan for the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 11. PERFORMANCE REVIEW

WCPFC6 noted that because there was no budget for a performance review to be undertaken in 2010, the review was postponed for future consideration.

The Commission is invited to consider i) whether or not to proceed with a review in 2011 and, if so, ii) the terms of reference for the review, iii) the process to support the review, and iv) an appropriate budget for the review.

AGENDA ITEM 12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12.1 Election of officers

The Commission may consider the selection of:
Chair of the Vice Chair of the Commission; and
Chair of the Vice Chair of the Scientific Committee.

12.2 Next meeting

WCPFC7 will consider a venue and dates for its next regular session in 2011.

AGENDA ITEM 13. OTHER MATTERS

The Commission will consider any other matters raised under Agenda Item 1.2.

AGENDA ITEM 14. SUMMARY REPORT

The Commission will adopt a Summary Report of its Seventh Regular Session.

AGENDA ITEM 15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting is scheduled to close at 1700 on Friday, 10 December 2010.