

COMMISSION

Twenty-Second Regular Session

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Status of Open and Closed Agenda Items (as of Close of Plenary on 4 December)

AGENDA ITEM		DESCRIPTION	OPEN/CLOSED
1. OPENING OF MEETING	1.1 Adoption of agenda	Commission Chair, Dr. Josie M. Tamate (Niue) will call the meeting to order and invite the Commission to adopt the Provisional Agenda. The Commission may discuss and confirm the establishment of small working groups to progress work on certain agenda items throughout the week.	Closed
	1.2 Meeting Logistics and Arrangements	The Secretariat will share information on relevant meeting arrangements to support WCPFC22 Agenda, including registration, audio/visual facilities, morning and afternoon tea breaks, lunches, and side events scheduled during the week.	Closed

2. STATEMENTS BY MEMBERS AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES	Delegations may present opening statements or submit statements in writing for the record.	Closed
3. 2025 ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR	The Executive Director will present her Annual Report on 2025 Activities of the Commission. The report will outline the work of the Commission in 2025, including Secretariat activities in support of the Commission. The Commission will be invited to consider the ED's Annual Report.	Closed
	Rule 13 of the WCPFC Rules of the Procedure states that "the Executive Director shall make an annual report, and such supplementary reports as are necessary, to the Commission at its regular session on the work of the Commission."	
4. INTRODUCTION OF NEW PROPOSALS	CCM delegations will be invited to present new proposals for consideration by the Commission at WCPFC22.	
	The Commission will consider how to progress discussions on new proposals for decision making at WCPFC22 and/or future taskings, which may include the establishment of small working groups to meet during WCPFC22, or further discussion under the relevant WCPFC22 agenda item, or a combination of both approaches.	Closed (DP07 from KR on Financial Regulations remains open; discussion to come back under Agenda Item TBD)
	CCMs with new proposals or amendments to existing proposals are required to complete	

			an <u>Audit Points Checklist</u> and a <u>CMM 2013-</u> <u>06</u> Evaluation.	
5. IMPLEMENTATION OF ARTICLE 30 OF WCPFC CONVENTION AND CMM 2013-07 (SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES)		Special Requirements o Discussions relating to i CMM 2013-07) will be t	nsider its implementation of Article 30 on the f Developing States. mplementation of CMM 2013-06 (with links to aken up through Agenda Item 8.3 on the TCC21 genda Item 13 on Compliance Monitoring.	Open 1. Proportional cost share to support SIDS delegate in WCPFC22-2025-DP01 (FFA) 2. Art 30 review ToR in WCPFC22-2025-DP01a (FFA)
		5.1 2025 Strategic Investment Plan	The Secretariat will present a report on the implementation of the Strategic Investment Plan in 2025 and the updated Strategic Investment Plan for consideration by the Commission.	Closed
		5.2 West Pacific East Asia Project (WPEA)	The Secretariat and WPEA-ITM SPF Project Coordinator will present an update of the project activities in 2025, including the project status and expected activities in 2026.	Closed
6.	MEMBERSHIP, OBSERVERS, AND COOPERATING NON- MEMBERS	6.1 Status of the Convention	The Government of New Zealand, as the Depositary of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Convention, will report on the status of the Convention (to be taken as read).	Closed
		6.2 Update on Observer Status	An updated list of organizations and States with current observer status to the	Closed

6.3 Applications for 2026 Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status 6.3.1 Participatory rights of CNMs	Commission is maintained on the WCPFC website. The Commission will review TCC21's recommendations with respect to applications for Cooperating Non-Member Status and determine which applicants will have CNM status for 2026. Following the Commission's past practice in reviewing applications for CNM status, a small working group will be established to consider the participatory rights of each CNM for 2026.	Open 1. Status of Application for CNM 2026 status 2. Participatory Rights
7. STATUS OF STOCKS	The Commission's Scientific Services Provider (SSP), the Pacific Community (SPC), and the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) will provide presentations on the status of fisheries in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO). This is an annual presentation to the Commission that covers the state of the region's fisheries resources based on the best available data.	Closed
8. REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES Session of the Northern Committee (NC21)	The Northern Committee Chair, Masa Miyahara (Japan), will report the outcomes and recommendations from the 21 st Northern Committee that took place on 14-15 July 2025 in Toyama City, Japan.	Closed

		The northern stocks covered by the Northern Committee Report are Pacific bluefin tuna, North Pacific albacore tuna, and North Pacific swordfish. Any NC21 outcomes requiring further discussion by the Commission at WCPFC22 will be taken up under the relevant agenda item, or under this agenda item.	
Se So	21st Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC21)	The Scientific Committee Chair, Emily Crigler (USA), will report the outcomes and recommendations from the 21 st Scientific Committee that took place from 13-21 August 2025 in Nuku'alofa, Tonga. Any SC21 outcomes requiring further discussion by the Commission at WCPFC22 will be taken up under the relevant agenda item, or under this agenda item.	Closed
Se Te Co	E1st Regular Session of the Sechnical and Compliance Committee TCC21)	The Technical and Compliance Committee Chair, Mat Kertesz (Australia), will report the outcomes and recommendations from the 21st Technical and Compliance Committee that took place from 23-30 September 2025 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. Any TCC21 outcomes requiring further discussion by the Commission at WCPFC22 will be taken up under the relevant agenda item, or under this agenda item.	Open Adopt report after TCC21-related items have been closed under Agenda Item 13

9.	REPORTS FROM
	INTERSESSIONAL
	WORKING GROUPS AND
	PROCESSES

Chairs of intersessional working groups (IWGs) and other intersessional processes will be invited to present updates on 2025 progress. Any recommendations from the intersessional activities that require discussion for adoption by the Commission at WCPFC22 will be taken up under the relevant agenda item. For any intersessional outcomes that do not fit under a relevant agenda item and may require further discussion, the Commission will determine the best approach to progress issues for adoption at WCPFC22.

9.1 FAD Management Options IWG	The Chair of the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group (FADMO IWG), Jamel James (FSM), will report on the FADMO IWG's work in 2025. The Commission will also consider the FADMO IWG workplan for 2026 and decide on any necessary adjustments, including any outcomes and recommendations from the subsidiary bodies or future taskings agreed to at WCPFC22.	Closed (CNM participatory rights taking place in SWG)
9.2 Regional Observer Programme IWG	The Chair of the Regional Observer Programme Intersessional Working Group (ROP-IWG), Lucas Tarapik (PNG), will report on the ROP-IWG's work in 2025. The Commission will consider the ROP-IWG workplan for 2026 and decide on any necessary adjustments, including any recommendations from the subsidiary bodies.	Open 1. Proposed in person 2026 workshop 2. Pre-TCC22 IWG
9.3 ER and EM IWG	The Interim Chair of the Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Intersessional Working Group (ER&EM IWG), Lesley Hawn (USA), will report on the ER&EM IWG's work in 2025.	Open Pending confirmation of how to progress DP14 under Agenda Item 13

	The ER&EM IWG Workplan does not schedule any decisions to be taken by the Commission in 2025. The Commission may consider whether to progress the ER&EM IWG's work at WCPFC22. The Commission will consider the ER&EM WG workplan for 2026 and decide on any necessary adjustments, including any recommendations from the subsidiary bodies.	
9.4 South Pacific Albacore Roadmap IWG	The South Pacific Albacore Roadmap IWG did not meet in 2025. The Commission's decision at WCPFC21 (2024) to convene South Pacific Albacore Management workshops in 2025 is reflected in the IWG's 2025 workplan. Reports from the South Pacific Albacore Management workshops convened in 2025 will be taken up under Agenda Item 11.1.2 . The Commission may wish to consider any required adjustments to the IWG's 2026 workplan, pending outcomes of discussions under Agenda Item 11.1 at WCPFC22.	Open Pending outcome of 11.1.3 on WCPFC22-2025-DP02b
9.5 High Seas Boarding and Inspection – Development of Voluntary Guidelines	TCC21 considered the outcomes of the intersessional work to develop HSBI voluntary guides and made a recommendation to the Commission to adopt the voluntary guides at WCPFC22. The Chair of the intersessional process to develop voluntary guides for the WCPFC High Seas Boarding	Open Adopt five (5) HSBI Voluntary Guides and the Multilanguage Questionnaire

	and Inspection (HSBI) Scheme, David Power (Australia), will provide additional information, as necessary, on the intersessional work undertaken in 2025.	
9.6 Port State Measures - Review of CMM 2017-02	The Chair of the intersessional process to review CMM 2017-02 on port State measures, Meli Raicebe (Fiji), will report on outcomes of the intersessional review in 2025.	Closed
	Based on the port State measures workplan for 2025, the Commission may consider whether to progress discussions at WCPFC22.	**Note request for nomination of co-Chair; consider under Agenda Item
	The Commission may also consider continuation of intersessional work to review CMM 2017-02 in 2026.	<mark>17**</mark>
9.7 Review of other CMMs for decision making in 2026		
9.7.1 CMM 2017-04 on Marine Pollution	9.7.1: At WCPFC21, the Commission requested interested CCMs to work on the marine pollution issue in 2025 and 2026 in light of WCPFC-2024-DP04 and develop a proposal to amend CMM 2017-04 for submission to TCC22 in 2026 with a view to adopting a measure by WCPFC23.	Closed
	Canada requested that interested CCMs participate in intersessional work on this issue. Felicia Cull	

	(Canada) led this work in 2025 and will provide an update to the Commission on intersessional progress (see paras 604 and 605 of WCPFC21 Summary Report).	
10. INCORPORATING CLIMATE CHANGE CONSIDERATIONS INTO MANAGEMENT AND CONSERVATION OF WCPO FISHERIES AND ECOSYSTEMS	The Commission's Scientific Services Provider, (SPC), will make a presentation on "Ecosystem and Climate Indicators" to share the best available scientific data on potential impacts from climate change on WCPFC fisheries and related ecosystems.	
	At WCPFC21, the Commission adopted a Terms of Reference to guide a consultancy on a Climate Change Vulnerability Assessment in 2025 (see Attachment 14 of the WCPFC21 Summary Report). The consultants will present the outcomes of their work for consideration by the Commission. The Commission will also consider the activities of its subsidiary bodies in 2025 to incorporate climate change into its mandate and review its 2026 workplan to ensure climate change considerations are adequately reflected in the Commission's work and determine whether any adjustments are required.	Closed
	At WCPFC20, the Commission tasked the Secretariat with continuing to provide a brief that summarises updates on international and regional fishery bodies (RFB) developments (see para 22 of WCPFC20 Summary Report). This brief will be	

		provided under Agenda Item 16 on Cooperation with Other Organizations and International Ocean Governance Issues. Note: WCPFC19 took a decision to "include Climate Change as a standing agenda item and to prioritize discussion of how best to incorporate climate change information and analyses in its work, as well as the work of TCC and the NC." (para 343 of WCPFC19 Summary Report).	
11. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF TUNAS AND BILLFISH, INCLUDING DEVELOPMENT OF HARVEST STRATEGIES	and Central Pacific Ocean (WC (CMMs), the Commission will albacore tuna, skipjack tuna, to the Commission will also review of measures for Southwest Pacovered under the reports from SC21 continued discussions or assessments, analyses, and acmeeting each year. The Commission will also review of measures for Southwest Pacovered under the reports from SC21 continued discussions or assessments, analyses, and acmeeting each year. The Commission will also review of measures for SC21 continued discussions or assessments.	is conservation and management framework for tunas CPO). In addition to reviewing current conservation and also progress its work on the development of harvest bigeye tuna, and yellowfin tuna. The sew updates on its management framework for Southward for Striped marlin, North Pacific striped marlin, and North NC21 and/or SC21. The challenges faced by the SSP relating to the delivery of dvice in sufficient time to allow CCMs' peer review price in the storesolve the ongoing challenges.	d management measures strategies for South Pacific vest Pacific swordfish. Review North Pacific swordfish will be of requested stock or to the start of the SC
	11.1 South Pacific Albacore	The Commission will consider information and updates relating to its management of the South Pacific Albacore Fishery. Substantive discussions relating to management of South Pacific albacore	

will take place under **11.1.1** to **11.1.4**.

11.1.1 Establishment of the WCPFC-IATTC Joint Working Group on South Pacific albacore tuna management (SPAJWG)	The Commission agreed in principle to the establishment of a JWG for SP Albacore between the IATTC and WCPFC and requested the WCPFC Chair to engage with the IATTC Chair in 2025 toward this end. Two informal, virtual sessions between IATTC and WCPFC were convened in 2025 to review JWG terms of reference and a 2026 workplan. At its 103 rd annual session, the IATTC adopted the JWG terms of reference and 2026 workplan. The Commission will consider the JWG terms of	Not yet opened
	reference and 2026 workplan for adoption at WCPFC22 (see paras 735 to 738 of WCPFC21 Summary Report).	
11.1.2 Report on the South Pacific Albacore Management Workshop (SPAMWS)	The SPAM-WS convened one online workshop on 11-12 September 2025 and (will convene) another online workshop on 5 November 2025, co-Chaired by the SC Chair (Emily Crigler – USA) and the SPA Roadmap IWG Chair (Moses Mataika – Fiji). The co-Chairs will provide a report on workshop outcomes to the Commission, which will be used to inform discussions on agenda items 11.1.3 and 11.1.4. The SSP may also be invited to present additional information to support discussions under agenda items 11.1.3 and 11.1.4.	Closed

11.1.3 Adoption of Management Procedure (MP)	WCPFC21 agreed that CCMs will cooperate to develop a management procedure and an implementing measure for SP-ALB during 2025, with a view to adopting both a management procedure and its implementing measure at WCPFC22, that will replace CMM 2015-02 (see para 716 of WCPFC21 Summary Report). The Commission may wish to consider establishing a small working group to advance discussions during WCPFC22, noting the close linkage to discussions under Agenda Item 11.1.4.	Open WCPFC22-2025-02a_Rev01
11.1.4 Adoption of Implementation Arrangements for the MP	WCPFC21 agreed that CCMs will cooperate to develop a management procedure and an implementing measure for SP-ALB during 2025, with a view to adopting both a management procedure and its implementing measure at WCPFC22, that will replace CMM 2015-02 (see para 716 of WCPFC21 Summary Report). The Commission may wish to consider establishing a small working group to advance discussions during WCPFC22, noting the close linkage to discussions under Agenda Item 11.1.3.	Open WCPFC22-2025-DP02b
11.2 Issues related to CMM 2023-01 on the Conservation and Management of Bigeye, Yellowfin, and	The Commission will consider the following issues relating to its review of CMM 2023-01:	

Skipjack tunas in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean	i.	an evaluation of the effectiveness of CMM 2023-01 (tropical tunas), prepared by the SSP.	Closed
	ii.	implementation of increased monitoring coverage (by human observers or EM) associated with the increases in BET catch as part of Attachment 1, Table 3 of CMM 2023-01.	Open Interim approach to EM monitoring of increased LL BET catch
	iii.	consideration of a plan for reviewing CMM 2023-01 in 2026, pending the outcomes of discussions under Agenda Item 11.3 on the skipjack MP and Agenda Item 11.7 on the Harvest Strategy Workplan, noting that the CMM expires on 5 February 2027.	Closed
	iv.	outcome of the Commission's discussions at WCPFC20 related to the development of allocation frameworks for tropical tunas and its agreement to a phased approach to the development of criteria for allocation, elements of an	Proposed minimal revisions to CMM 2023-01, contained in DRAFTS folder
		allocation framework, and implementation of the frameworks, commencing in 2026 (see paragraph 567 of the WCPFC20 Summary Report Rev01).	Closed

11.3	Skipjack tuna	SC21 accepted the 2025 skipjack stock assessment results and considered that at this early stage, the skipjack MP is performing as expected. The Commission will review the updates relating to the skipjack MP and monitoring strategy, and consider any taskings to SC22 and TCC22 in 2026.	Closed Proposed minimal revisions to CMM 2022-01, contained in DRAFTS folder
11.4	Bigeye tuna	The Commission will review its plans to adopt a Management Procedure and a target reference point (TRP) for bigeye tuna, consistent with its Harvest Strategy Workplan (see Attachment 16 of the WCPFC21 Summary Report). The Commission will also review the BET Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE) framework and advise on MP settings, assumptions, and performance indicators, as recommended by SC21.	Open 1. Recommendation from PNA+ 2. Recommendation from US
11.5	Yellowfin tuna	The Commission will review its progress on development of the YFT harvest strategy, noting the proposed mixed fishery harvest strategy framework. The Commission will also review a plan to adopt a TRP.	Open Pending 2026 schedule of work for BET MP.
11.6	Southwest Pacific swordfish	The Commission will consider an <i>Indicative</i> Workplan for Developing a Southwest Pacific Swordfish Harvest Strategy, as recommended by SC21 in response to a tasking from WCPFC21 (see paras 458 to 460 of WCPFC21 Summary Report.)	Open Amendment from EU to workplan in DRAFTS folder

		11.7	Review and Update Harvest Strategy Workplan	The Commission will review and update its Harvest Strategy Workplan and may consider a mechanism for enabling management advice to inform harvest strategy development during the intersessional period between annual Commission meetings.	Open
				Taking into account discussions under agenda items 11.2 , 11.4 , and 11.5 , the Commission will discuss a way forward on the implementation of the mixed fishery approach under the harvest strategy framework, including any outcomes from SC21.	Pending closure of other Harvest Strategy discussions
		a.	Review of other CMMs related to conservation and management of tuna and billfish	The Commission will consider delegation proposals from FFA members (<u>WCPFC22-2025-DP01</u>) and Korea (<u>WCPFC22-2025-DP08</u>) on transhipment regulation, and from Korea relating to high seas FAD closures and catch retention (<u>WCPFC22-2025-DP06</u>).	Open 1. WCPFC22-2025- DP06_Rev04
				These proposals are considered here to ensure they are addressed by the Commission after they are introduced under Agenda Item 4.	Closed (DP01 and DP08 on transhipment)
2.	MITIGATING IMPACTS OF FISHING ON NON- TARGET AND	The Commission will review its current conservation and management measures for non-target and associated or dependent species (NTADS), including outcomes from SC21, TCC21, and relevant intersessional working groups and CMM reviews.			

ASSOCIATED OR DEPENDENT SPECIES (NTADS) IN THE WCPO	12.1	CMM 2018-03 - Seabirds	The Commission will review a proposal from New Zealand on CMM 2018-03, which was tasked at WCPFC21 for consideration at WCPFC22, alongside advice from SC21 and TCC21. (see para 552 of WCPFC21 Summary Report).	Open Adopt Draft CMM on seabirds (JP and FFA)
	12.2	CMM 2018-04 - Sea Turtles	An update on the status of implementation of CMM 2018-04 will be provided for consideration by the Commission, in addition to any advice from SC21 and TCC21 relating to sea turtles. No decisions are expected by the Commission for 2025, however, the Commission will take note that at WCPFC21, it agreed to review and revise CMM 2018-04 in 2026 (see para 204 of WCPFC21 Summary Report).	Closed
	12.3	CMM 2024-05 - Sharks	The Commission will review advice and recommendations from TCC21 relating to the effectiveness of the alternatives and changes to Annex 2 of CMM 2024-05 (see para 619 of WCPFC21 Summary Report). The Commission will also review a paper tasked by TCC21 to be prepared by the TCC Chair in consultation with the Secretariat for the Commission's consideration on how the review of the AR Part 2 information related to CCMs implementation of alternative measures set out in paragraph 9 of CMM 2024-05 can be completed at future TCC meetings during plenary sessions.	Open 1. WP28d: options para 9 2. WP28f: Annex II of CMM

	12.4 CMM 2024-07 - Cetaceans	The Commission will review advice from SC21 on appropriate requirements for effective reporting on cetacean interactions with tuna and associated species fisheries in the Convention area (see para 669 of WCPFC21 Summary Report), and any advice from TCC21 based on the Annual Report of the Regional Observer Programme (ROP) (see para 8 of CMM 2024-07). In response to the WCPFC21 request (para 668, WCPFC21 Report), the Commission will note that the IWC, in collaboration with the SSP, WCPFC Secretariat, and other WCPO stakeholders, will provide a Cetacean Identification Guide for the Pacific Ocean to support the implementation of CMM 2024-07.	Closed **Rev01 of WCPFC22-2025- 28e to be posted**
13. COMPLIANCE MONITOR	RING	The Commission will consider outcomes from TCC21 related to WCPFC's monitoring and evaluation framework, including but not limited to: i. Ongoing refinement and development of Audit Points for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme. ii. Development of a sub-sampling approach relating to information in the Compliance Case File System (CCFS). iii. List of obligations to be assessed under the CMS in 2026 for the 2025 reporting year.	Open 1. Audit Points 2. List of Obligations 3. Template for reporting on CMM 2013-06 and 2013-07 4. Process for ongoing development of Audit Points

	The Commission will consider the provisional CMR recommended by TCC21, taking into account additional information that may be provided by CCMs. A small working group is expected to be established to consider the provisional CMR and compile a final CMR for consideration and adoption by the Commission at WCPFC22. The Commission may wish to consider tasking a small working group to progress other CMS-related outcomes from TCC21 in the margins of WCPFC22, also noting that the CMS CMM is expiring in December 2026.	5. DP05: amendment to HSBI CMM 6. DP14: EM Program Consultative Draft – next steps 7. DP15, DP16, and DP17
14. ADOPTION OF 2026 IUU VESSEL LIST	The Commission will consider a recommendation from TCC21 on any new vessels for inclusion in the 2026 IUU Vessel List and any additional information in relation to vessels on the 2025 IUU Vessel List and adopt an IUU Vessel List for 2026.	Not yet opened
15. REPORT OF THE 19 TH FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE	The Commission will consider the report of the 19th Session of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC19), which will begin its meeting on 30 November 2025 and continue in the margins of WCPFC22. The Commission will consider FAC19's recommendation on the proposed 2026 Budget, and indicative budgets for 2027 and 2028, for adoption.	Pending outcomes of FAC19

16. COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL OCEAN GOVERNANCE ISSUES	The Commission will review its 2025 activities with other organizations such as the IATTC, CCSBT, NPFC, and other regional fishery bodies with which the WCPFC has formal MOUs in place. The Commission will also consider information and updates on global ocean agreements and activities that may have linkages with WCPFC's work. This will include updates on the Treaty on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ), the 2025 Honiara Summit, and the 2025 UN Oceans Conference. The Commission will also receive an update on its request for WCPFC to obtain Observer status at the International Seabed Authority (ISA).	Not yet opened
17. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS	The Commission will elect officers for the following roles, considering any recommendations from SC21 and TCC21: i. NC Chair ii. SC Chair iii. SC Vice Chair iv. TCC Chair v. TCC Vice Chair vi. FAC Co-Chairs (two positions) vii. ER and EM IWG Chair viii. SPAJWG co-Chair ix. Port State Measures IWG co-Chair	Not yet opened

	The Commission will consider and agree to indicative dates and venues for its 2026 regular annual session, subsidiary body meetings, and other intersessional activities. i. 22 nd Northern Committee, including the 11 th PBFJWG (8-14 July 2026, [TBD], Japan) ii. 22 nd Scientific Committee (11-19 August 2026, Apia, Samoa) iii. 22 nd Technical and Compliance Committee (23-29 September 2026, Pohnpei, FSM) iv. 23 rd Regular Session of the Commission (4-8 December 2026, [TBD]) v. Intersessional Working Groups (note: some IWG meetings may progress electronically and/or meet virtually.) vi. 1 st South Pacific Albacore Joint Working Group vii. Other intersessional meetings or processes	
18. OTHER MATTERS	The Commission will consider other matters that may be raised when the agenda is considered under Agenda Item 1.1.	Not yet opened
19. CLOSE OF MEETING	The Chair will invite closing statements before declaring WCPFC22 as closed.	Not yet opened