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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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**WCPFC-SC5-2009/03 (rev1)**

**AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The meeting will open at 08:30 on Monday, 10 August 2009.

**1.1 Welcome address**

The Chair will welcome delegations of the WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-members and Participating Territories (CCMs) and observers to the Fifth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC5).

A senior official from Vanuatu will be invited to deliver an Opening Address.

**1.2 Adoption of agenda**

The Provisional Agenda for SC5 was prepared and distributed on 11 May 2009 in accordance with Rule 1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. Any Member of the Commission, the Chairman, or the Executive Director may, at least 30 days before the date fixed for the opening of a Regular Session request the inclusion of supplementary items in the Agenda. A request for the inclusion of a supplementary item on the Provisional Agenda shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the proposed supplementary item, which will be communicated to all CCMs and observers at least 20 days before the opening of the Session.

Other matters to be discussed, under Agenda Item 11, may be proposed here.

**1.3 Meeting arrangements**

The Chair will outline procedural matters including the schedule for the meeting and administrative arrangements. After the conclusion of Agenda Item 2, the Plenary will be adjourned to allow the six Specialist Working Groups (SWGs) to carry out their work.

The Chair will remind participants of the need to avoid duplication between the SWG and SC Plenary

The Scientific Committee will consider selecting a convener for BI-SWG and co-convener for SA-SWG for 2009 sessions and thereafter.

#### **1.4 Reporting arrangements**

##### Scientific Committee Report

The Scientific Committee will adopt a Summary Report and an Executive Summary that will address requests from the Commission. Relevant text under Agenda Items highlighted with an asterisk (\*) in the Summary Report will be incorporated into the Executive Summary. The Executive Summary may also include a brief summary of research plans, findings or conclusions on the stock status, reports and recommendations as directed by the Commission or at the initiative of the Scientific Committee (paragraph 2, Article 12 of the Convention).

The Scientific Committee will have the assistance of a professional coordinating rapporteur as the lead rapporteur for its plenary meeting during the second week of the Session. The Committee will appoint supporting rapporteurs, who will be assigned to specific agenda items.

##### Specialist Working Group Reports

Each Specialist Working Groups will produce a ‘full SWG report’ and a ‘1-page summary’ that will be incorporated into the Summary Report of the Scientific Committee.

Each ‘full SWG report’ will include an overview of papers considered by the SWG (to be provided by the authors) including a summary of subsequent discussion, findings, advice and recommendations for the Scientific Committee. Respective reports should include text that can be considered by the Scientific Committee for incorporation into the Summary Report of the Scientific Committee, particularly as discussion relates to key Scientific Committee Agenda Items (\*). Each SWG report will append its agenda, a list of working papers, and a list of relevant acronyms and abbreviations used. All presenters will provide a concise (1–2 paragraph) summary of their paper in electronic form to the convener and designated rapporteurs of their SWG before their presentation.

Each SWG ‘1-page summary’ that will be incorporated directly into the main Scientific Committee Summary Report will include: details of the papers reviewed, the topics discussed and details for each Scientific Committee agenda item on which the SWG has provided advice and recommendations to the Scientific Committee.

Each SWG will appoint lead and supporting rapporteurs, who will be assigned to specific agenda items. The SWG convenors and participants will be asked to review draft SWG reports throughout the first week of the Scientific Committee. The reports should be finalized under the supervision of the relevant convenors for presentation to the Plenary at the start of the second week of the Session.

#### **1.5 Intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee**

The Chair, with support from the Secretariat’s Science Manager, will report on intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee and the Secretariat.

### **AGENDA ITEM 2 REVIEW OF FISHERIES**

#### **2.1 Overview of Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) fisheries\***

The SPC-OFP will present fisheries for highly migratory species in the WCPO region. The Scientific Committee will be invited to provide supplementary information, ask questions and provide comments.

## **2.2 Overview of Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) fisheries**

The IATTC will present fisheries for highly migratory species in the EPO region. The Scientific Committee will be invited to provide supplementary information, ask questions and provide comments.

## **2.3 Annual Report (Part 1) from Members, Participating Territories and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs)**

CCMs will be given the opportunity to make a brief presentation (3 minutes) highlighting recent changes and developments in their fisheries as described in Part 1 of their Annual Report to the Commission. A short time for questions may be provided at the conclusion of each presentation. The deadline for the submission of Part 1 of the Annual Report to the Secretariat ([wcpfc@wcpfc.int](mailto:wcpfc@wcpfc.int)) is **10 July 2009**.

Presenters of CCM Annual Reports are required to prepare a half page summary (attached to Part 1 as “Summary of Part 1 of the Annual Report”) to accompany their report for inclusion in the Summary Report of the Scientific Committee. Rapporteurs will capture the key issues raised in subsequent discussion for inclusion in the Summary Report. It will be assumed that all reports have been read prior to the Session. The use of PowerPoint or other visual presentations is discouraged due to time constraints.

CCMs are requested to submit any outstanding Part 1 Reports for previous years with their Annual Reports for 2008 fisheries and research activities (WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 127). The status of Part 1 submissions for each CCM can be checked on the WCPFC website.

## **2.4 Reports from regional fisheries bodies and other organizations**

Regional fisheries bodies and other intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations observing the Scientific Committee will make a brief presentation (3 minutes) on key issues relevant to the work of the Scientific Committee. Such presentations need to be arranged with the Chair before the opening of the Session. The deadline for the submission of meeting documents to the Secretariat ([wcpfc@wcpfc.int](mailto:wcpfc@wcpfc.int)) from regional fisheries bodies and other intergovernmental or non-governmental organizations is **23 July 2009**.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3 SPECIALIST WORKING GROUPS (SWGs)**

Meetings for six SWGs, Biology SWG (BI-SWG), Ecosystem and Bycatch SWG (EB-SWG), Fishing Technology SWG (FT-SWG), Methods SWG (ME-SWG), Statistics SWG (ST-SWG), and Stock Assessment SWG (SA-SWG), are provided for during the first week of the Scientific Committee.

SWG conveners will open their meetings in accordance with their meeting schedules. Each SWG will respond to the requests from the Commission, including those issues reflected in this agenda, as the highest priority. Each SWG will also consider the results of ongoing or recently completed projects funded from the Commission's SC work programme. They include biology of South Pacific albacore, refinement of bigeye

parameters, underwater video research, causes of data gaps, and port sampling for species composition. The SWGs will make every effort to finalize their reports and recommendations for adoption by the Plenary of the Scientific Committee.

All SWG meetings will be concluded by the end of the first week of the Scientific Committee and the plenary meeting of the Scientific Committee will resume on the Monday of the second week.

### **3.1 Adoption of the all SWG reports, including advice and recommendations**

The SWGs will clear and adopt all SWG reports, including advice and recommendations, by consensus as records of the work of the SWGs and submit them to the Scientific Committee. Editorial and grammatical corrections and/or clarification may occur, if necessary, after the Scientific Committee meeting.

While the Plenary may debate the advice and recommendations of the SWGs, the Plenary is encouraged not to reopen discussion on the advice and recommendations provided to the Scientific Committee by SWGs.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4 STATUS OF THE STOCKS AND MANAGEMENT ADVICE AND IMPLICATIONS**

### **4.1 WCPO bigeye tuna**

#### **a. Status and trends\***

A full stock assessment for bigeye tuna was conducted in 2008. A streamlined assessment was undertaken in 2009 the results of which will be presented to the Scientific Committee for review and discussion.

#### **b. Management Advice and Implications\***

The Scientific Committee will consider the advice and recommendations from the SWGs relating to the status and trends in abundance for bigeye tuna in the WCPO, and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission regarding scientific considerations for the effective management, long-term conservation and sustainable use of bigeye tuna resources in the WCPO (also agenda item 4.3).

### **4.2 WCPO yellowfin tuna**

#### **a. Status and trends\***

A new stock assessment was conducted for yellowfin tuna in 2009, the results of which will be available to the Scientific Committee for review and discussion.

#### **b. Management Advice and Implications\***

The Scientific Committee will consider the advice and recommendations from the SWGs relating to the status and trends in abundance for yellowfin tuna in the WCPO, and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission regarding scientific considerations for the effective management, long-term conservation and sustainable use of yellowfin tuna resources in the WCPO (also agenda item 4.3).

### 4.3 Requests from CMM-2008-01

Relevant SWGs will provide the following information:

a. High Seas Vessel Day Scheme

The Scientific Committee will consider issues associated with a possible high seas vessel day scheme (WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 168) to be compatible with the PNA VDS to provide a common currency for managing purse seine effort (CMM-2008-01, paragraph 21), comments on the recommendations contained in Purse Seine Effort in the Zones of Non-PNA CCMs and on the High Seas (WCPFC5-2008/13; WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 169), and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission for consideration in the possible development of high seas vessel day scheme at the Commission's annual session in 2009. The SPC-OFP will provide relevant statistics and information for the Committee to consider this compatibility issue as described in paragraph 21.

The information pertaining to fishing activities in 2009 may be provided for review at SC6.

b. FAD management plans

The Scientific Committee will consider a report prepared by the Secretariat on additional FAD management options, which includes i) marking and identification of FADs; ii) electronic monitoring of FADs; iii) registration and reporting of position information from FAD-associated buoys; and iv) limits to the number of FADs deployed or number of FAD sets made (CMM-2008-01, paragraph 24). CCMs will also explore and evaluate mitigation measures for juvenile bigeye and yellowfin taken around FADs (paragraph 26 of CMM-2008-01).

c. Fishing effort for bigeye and yellowfin tuna from other commercial tuna fisheries

In accordance with paragraph 39 of CMM-2008-01, CCMs are required to provide to the Scientific Committee estimates of fishing effort or proposals for the provision of effort data from other commercial tuna fisheries described in this Measure. The Scientific Committee will consider data and information provided by CCMs. In order to support discussion under this item, CCMs are invited to provide such information to the Secretariat by **1<sup>st</sup> July 2009**. The information received will then be consolidated for distribution to SC5 participants in advance of the Session.

d. Review of CMM-2008-01

The Scientific Committee will provide scientific advice to the Commission for its annual review on the impacts and compliance with this Measure (paragraph 46).

e. Capacity measuring and monitoring (Paragraph 44 of CMM-2008-01)

The Scientific Committee is invited to provide advice to the Secretariat in relation to any science-related issues associated with responding to the Commission's request (CMM 2008-01 para 44) for a report on monitoring and

measuring capacity. CCMs are also invited to provide advice on work that has been completed that is relevant to this topic.

#### **4.4 WCPO skipjack tuna**

The last assessment for skipjack tuna was presented to SC4 in 2008. The Scientific Committee will consider any new or additional information to formulate advice and recommendations to the Commission in relation to:

- a. Status and trends\*
- b. Management Advice and Implications\*

#### **4.5 South Pacific albacore**

- a. Status and trends\*

Full stock assessment was conducted in 2008. A comparative assessment was also conducted in 2009, the results of which will be presented to the Scientific Committee for review and discussion.

- b. Management Advice and Implications\*

The Scientific Committee will consider the advice and recommendations from the SWGs relating to the status and trends in abundance for the South Pacific albacore tuna stock, and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission regarding scientific considerations for the effective management, long-term conservation and sustainable use of South Pacific albacore tuna resources in the WCPO (CMM-2005-02).

#### **4.6 South Pacific swordfish**

The last assessment was presented to SC4 in 2008. The Scientific Committee will consider any new or additional information to formulate advice and recommendations to the Commission in relation to:

- a. Status and trends\*
- b. Management Advice and Implications\*
- c. Requests from CMM-2008-05:

- i) Verification review of reported catch

The Scientific Committee will consider if the verification of reported swordfish catch was resolved (CMM-2008-05, paragraph 5; WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 241).

- ii) Provision of catch data

The Scientific Committee will consider information from relevant SWGs regarding any collaborative research effort on swordfish in the southwest Pacific, data relating to the total number of vessels and total catch provided by CCMs and provide advice to the Commission on the

implications for a swordfish stock assessment following investigation of data uncertainties for review of this Measure at WCPFC6 (paragraph 8, 9, 10 and 12).

#### **4.7 Southwest Pacific striped marlin**

No stock assessment was conducted for Southwest Pacific striped marlin in 2009. The Scientific Committee will consider any new or additional information to formulate advice and recommendations to the Commission in relation CMM-2006-04.

- a. Status and trends\*
- b. Management Advice and Implications\*

#### **4.8 North Pacific striped marlin**

The Chair of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC) will be invited to provide any new information, if available, on stock status and conservation advice for this stock.

- a. Status and trends\*
- b. Management Advice and Implications\*

#### **4.9 Northern stocks**

Annex I of the Commission's Rules of Procedure defines 'northern stocks' to be 'northern Pacific bluefin<sup>1</sup>, northern albacore and the northern stock of swordfish'. The ISC Chair will be invited to provide the results of 2009 stock assessments for northern stocks, stock status and management and conservation advice for these stocks.

##### **4.9.1 North Pacific albacore (CMM-2005-03)**

- a. Status and trends\*
- b. Management Advice and Implications\*

##### **4.9.2 Pacific bluefin tuna**

- a. Status and trends\*
- b. Management Advice and Implications\*

##### **4.9.3 North Pacific swordfish**

- a. Status and trends\*
- b. Management Advice and Implications\*

#### **4.10 Biological parameters and management related issues**

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<sup>1</sup> Pacific bluefin tuna

The Scientific Committee will consider the outputs and statements from relevant SWGs on the progress of the following Scientific Committee work programme activities and provide any additional advice and recommendations to the Commission. Project numbers refer to those in Attachment O of the SC3 Summary Report.

- a. Improve existing and explore alternative models for standardization of fishing catch and effort for construction of stock assessment indices (Project 31)
- b. Refinement of bigeye parameters Pacific-wide: A comprehensive review and study of bigeye tuna reproductive biology (Project 35)
- c. Regional study of the stock structure and life history characteristics of South Pacific albacore (Project 39)
- d. Technical workshop to consider suitability of MSY-based reference points as default limit reference points and how they may be operationalized (Project 57)
- e. Revised stock assessment on southern swordfish (Project 26)

## **AGENDA ITEM 5 BYCATCH MITIGATION**

### **5.1 Fisheries impacts (Ecological Risk Assessment)**

The Scientific Committee will consider information, research findings, recommendations and advice from relevant SWGs and consider any additional information and emerging issues and future plans for the ERA project to be recommended to the Commission.

#### **a. Seabirds\***

The Scientific Committee will consider information, findings and advice for the mitigation of seabird bycatch, including data and information gaps for, and estimation of, seabird mortality, from relevant SWGs, and consider any additional information and emerging issues for advice and recommendations to the Commission (CMM-2007-04, paragraphs 5, 6 and 9).

The Committee will also consider technical specifications for seabird mitigation measures, including the most recent decision by IOTC (TCC4 Summary Report, paragraphs 275-276; WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 111).

#### **b. Sharks\***

The Scientific Committee will consider information and advice from relevant SWGs on requests from CMM-2008-06, including:

- i) the collection of data and information on shark catches and stock assessments for key shark species ,
- ii) periodical review of the specification of the ratio of fin weight to carcass weight (paragraph 8),
- iii) the effectiveness of this Measure and alternative measures to mitigate shark bycatch (paragraph 13), and
- iv) any suggestions on, or guidelines for, to be considered at SC6, preliminary advice on the stock status of key shark species (blue shark, oceanic whitetip shark, mako sharks and thresher sharks) and proposal of a research plan for the assessment of stock status (paragraph 14).



c. Sea turtles\*

The Scientific Committee will consider advice and recommendations from the relevant SWGs in relation to the provisions of CMM-2008-03, including:

- i) In accordance with paragraph 7.a.iii. of CMM-2008-03, CCMs are required to provide any other measure, mitigation plan or activity to be capable of reducing the interaction rate (observed numbers per hooks fished) of turtles in swordfish shallow-set longline fisheries for review by the Scientific Committee. In order to support discussion under this item, CCMs are invited to provide such information to the Secretariat by **1 July 2009**. The information received will then be consolidated for distribution to SC5 participants in advance of the Session.
- ii) The determination of minimal observed interaction rates of sea turtles over a three-year period (CMM-2008-03, paragraph 7b; WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 223), and
- iii) Review of the information reported from CCMs on any research trials for mitigation methods and any refined measures or recommendations for their application will be provided to the Commission (CMM-2008-03, paragraphs 8, 9 and 12).

**5.2 Small tuna on floating objects (STFO)\***

The Scientific Committee will consider any advice and recommendations from the SWGs in relation to SC4 recommendations (SC4 Summary Report, paragraph 52), including:

- i) a comparative analysis of the proportions of small tuna on floating objects in the WCPO, and
- ii) a detailed characterization of vessels or fleets that have high catch rates of STFO and bigeye tuna in particular.

**AGENDA ITEM 6 DATA AND INFORMATION**

**6.1 Data gaps**

a. Data gaps and progress towards addressing gaps

The Scientific Committee will consider progress in relation to addressing data gaps in general including the use and possible further development of the website tool for monitoring and reporting on the status of data submissions by CCMs, the holdings of the Commission and as a mechanism to address gaps.

b. Review of ‘A study to identify causes of data gaps in the work of the WCPFC’

The Final Report for this project was received in early November 2008 and has not yet reviewed by the Scientific Committee or the Commission. The Scientific Committee will consider the issues, advice and recommendations of the report provided by ST-SWG.

c. Species composition of purse-seine catches

The Scientific Committee will consider any advice and recommendations received from the ST-SWG relating to Project 60 (Collection and evaluation of purse-seine species composition data). The Committee will also consider the proposed continuation of this Project in 2010.

d. Obtaining ISC data

The Scientific Committee will consider a strategy for the consolidation of ISC data into WCPFC data holdings (WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 64b).

## **6.2 Regional Observer Programme (ROP)**

The Scientific Committee will consider the outcomes of the Third Inter-sessional Working Group for the Development of the Regional Observer Programme, and make advice and recommendations with regard to:

- i) Data management hosting and costing options (IWG3-ROP Summary Record, paragraphs 23-29),
- ii) Data fields contained in the FAD Form, WCPFC PS-CM4 (IWG3-ROP Summary Record, Attachment D)
- iii) Comment on the definition of a FAD set proposed by IWG-ROP3 for the August to September 2009 FAD set closure period to be considered as a the definition of a FAD set for future closures (IWG3-ROP Summary Record, paragraph 14):

*“The ROP-IWG agreed that a “FAD set” for the period August-September 2009, be defined as “ a set with a purse seine net made by a fishing vessel that is a distance of one nautical mile or less from a FAD at the moment in which the skiff is released into the water for the purposes of that set.”*

## **6.3 Advice to Ad Hoc Task Group [Data]**

SC4 has previously provided provisional advice on the scientific needs for VMS data (SC4 Summary Report, paragraphs 288-289.). The Scientific Committee will provide further advice and recommendations for consideration by the AHTG [Data] as it develops separate rules and procedures for the protection of, access to, and the dissemination of VMS data for scientific purposes.

Review of public domain catch and effort data – The Scientific Committee will revisit the issue of access to and the dissemination of non-public domain data compiled by the Commission (SC4 Summary Report, paragraphs 291-296).

## **6.4 Indonesia and Philippines Data Collection Project (IPDCP) and GEF project**

The Scientific Committee will consider the Summary Report of the Sixth Steering Committee for the IPDCP and provide advice and recommendations, as appropriate, to the Commission for the continuing support for data collection efforts in the West Pacific East Asia area.

The items for future activities planned in the Philippines (SC4 Summary Report, paragraph 277) and those for Indonesia will be incorporated into the WPEA OFM Project work plan.

## **6.5 Tagging initiatives**

The Scientific Committee will consider the Summary Report of the Third Steering Committee for the Pacific Tuna Tagging Project and provide advice and recommendations, as appropriate, to the Commission.

## **6.6 Data verification**

The Scientific Committee will consider any advice and recommendations from the ST-SWG on data verification, including development of a composite data collection form covering a wider context of unloading data for an integrated data collection.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7 COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

### **7.1 Review of existing MOUs and relations**

#### a. Cooperation with ISC

##### i) Revision of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)

The Commission endorsed the recommendation of the *Independent Review of Interim Arrangements for Science Structure and Function* to revise the existing MOU between WCPFC and ISC in order to allow the Scientific Committee to directly request advice from ISC on the status of North Pacific stocks (WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 254(c), 259).

#### b. Three-year arrangement with SPC

The Commission endorsed a recommendation of the *Independent Review of Interim Arrangements for Science Structure and Function* for the Commission to enter into three-year agreements with SPC-OFP as the Science Services Provider. The Scientific Committee will consider a strategy and components to implement this recommendation.

### **7.2 Development of new MOUs\***

#### a. Develop a formal relationship with NPAFC

As recommended by Busan meeting, the Scientific Committee will consider a draft MOU with the North Pacific Anadromous Fisheries Commission prepared by the secretariats of the two organisations.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8 CONSIDERATION OF THE SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**

### **8.1 Special Requirements Fund**

#### a. Review of 2008/2009 activities

The Scientific Committee will consider intersessional activities during 2008/2009 for the capacity building in science of developing States and participating territories supported by the Commission's Special Requirements Fund and Japanese Trust Fund. SPC-OFP and FFA will give a brief report in this regard.

- b. Advice and recommendations to the Commission\*

The Scientific Committee will provide advice and recommendations in relation to existing activities and proposed new initiatives, if any, for the Special Requirements Fund, Japanese Trust Fund or other potential sources of assistance for capacity building for developing States and participating territories in the work of the Commission.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9 FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**

### **9.1 Process of implementing the work programme of the Scientific Committee**

The Scientific Committee will consider the revised guidelines outlining the process for formulating the work programme and budget of the Scientific Committee that was adopted at SC4. The Committee will

- i) review and refine, as appropriate, the form used to appraise proposals received for funding consideration under the Scientific Committee's work programme (SC4 Summary Report, Attachment M, Table 2),
- ii) review the terms of reference for Research Sub-Committee (RSC), and
- iii) develop a template for proposals that will be submitted to the RSC for funding consideration (SC4 Summary Report, paragraph 310).

### **9.2 Strategic Research Plan of the Scientific Committee**

The Strategic Research Plan 2007-2011 (Attachment P, SC2 Summary Report) will be reviewed in 2010. The Scientific Committee will consider any suggestions for undertaking a review of the Plan for revision at SC6.

### **9.3 Progress of 2009 Work Programme, 2010 Work Programme and budget, and 2011-2012 provisional Work Programme and indicative budget\***

The Scientific Committee will consider the progress of the 2009 Work Programme and consider the termination or carryover of programme activities.

The Committee will consider and update the Work Programme of the Scientific Committee for 2010-2012.

The Scientific Committee will recommend, assisted by individual SWGs, a priority list of activities for the 2010 Work Programme and an indicative budget and scope and tasks for each research project theme. The Committee will also recommend a work programme for 2011-2012.

## **AGENDA ITEM 10 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **10.1 Rules of Procedure**

Subject to any proposals tabled by CCMs, the Scientific Committee will consider Rules of Procedure for the Scientific Committee.

### **10.2 Peer review of stock assessments**

The Scientific Committee will consider a proposal prepared by the Secretariat that may support the periodic peer review of ISC and SC stock assessments (WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 64c).

### **10.3 Future operation of the Scientific Committee**

Based on the experiences of previous Scientific Committee meetings, feedback from the Commission and other subsidiary bodies, and a review of the recommendations contained in the MRAG (UK) Final Report, the Committee will consider options for improving the efficiency and effectiveness of the future operation of the Scientific Committee.

#### **a. Independent Review of the Science Structure and Function of the Commission**

The Scientific Committee will consider the Final Report for the *Independent Review of Interim Arrangements for Science Structure and Function* submitted by the MRAG (UK) with a view to formulating a response to the recommendations of the Review including a prioritisation of action items and the means and timeframe to address them and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission for strengthening the science structure and function of the Commission (WCPFC5 Summary Report, paragraph 63).

### **10.4 Next meeting\***

Members are invited to propose a time and venue for SC6.

## **AGENDA ITEM 11 OTHER MATTERS**

The Scientific Committee will consider any additional issues.

### **11.1 Meeting of the Five Tuna RFMOs: Science Issues**

The second meeting of the five tuna regional fisheries management organisations (ICCAT, IATTC, IOTC, CCSBT and WCPFC) was convened by the European Community at San Sebastian, Spain, 28 June to 3 July 2009 (SC5-GN-WP-15).

The Scientific Committee is invited to provide advice and recommendations to the Commission in relation to processes, issues, means of engagement and representation in the proposed science-related workshops. The SC is also invited to review the proposed Strategy Matrix and propose any amendments, as considered necessary, and consider the adoption of the matrix for reporting on WCPO highly migratory fish stocks.

## **AGENDA ITEM 12 ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE FIFTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

### **12.1 Adoption of the Summary Report and Executive Summary of the Fifth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee**

The Scientific Committee will adopt the Summary Report of its Fifth Regular Session and its Executive Summary.

## **AGENDA ITEM 13 CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting will close at 17:00 on Friday, 21 August 2009.