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Prepared by the Chair

1. The Commission agreed that SC5 should convene a seminar under the Methods-WG on technical issues associated with reference points.
2. The Commission agreed that WCPFC6 should consider the possibility of holding a dedicated workshop on management objectives in 2010.
3. The Commission agreed that allocation issues should be merged with the Commission's consideration of management objectives and reference points. Therefore, discussions of allocation issues at WCPFC6 will be guided by the outcomes of work on reference points and management objectives by SC6 and TCC6.
4. WCPFC5 adopted the VMS SSP produced by TCC4 with agreed amendments to paras. 5.3 and 7.3.6. WCPFC recommended that CCMs work to resolve issues relating to bracketed text in paras. 5.4 and 5.5 of the VMS SSP prior to TCC5.
5. Noting the concern regarding the species composition of the catches reported by Senegal to the Commission in WCPFC5-2008/OP10 (Rev. 1), and Senegal's commitment to limit fishing activity to one longline vessel, WCPFC5 agreed to grant CNM status to Senegal for a one-year period.
6. Noting a number of compliance commitments and a voluntary agreement to limit fishing effort to no more than six purse seine vessels fishing only in EEZs of WCPFC members, WCPFC5 agreed to grant CNM status to Mexico for a one-year period.
7. WCPFC5 adopted the recommendations of SC4 regarding bigeye, skipjack, south Pacific albacore, south Pacific swordfish, Pacific bluefin and north Pacific striped marlin.
8. WCPFC5 adopted the recommendations of SC4 regarding bycatch mitigation and data and information, noting that several of these recommendations will be addressed in CMMs under discussion at WCPFC5.

9. WCPFC5 adopted the report of SC4 and thanked outgoing Chairman Moon for his dedicated efforts to progress the work of the Scientific Committee over the past three years.
10. WCPFC5 agreed that CCMs should be requested not to increase the level of fishing mortality on Pacific bluefin in 2009 on a voluntary basis and tasked the NC to work toward developing a draft CMM for Pacific bluefin for consideration at WCPFC6.
11. WCPFC5 adopted the NC4 Summary Report.
12. WCPFC5 adopted TCC's recommendations regarding of para. 3(j) of CMM-2007-03, noting that the majority favored retaining this paragraph while the minority favored its removal. It was agreed that para. 3(j) of CMM-2007-03 will not be applied as a criterion for IUU listing in developing the Draft IUU Vessel List in 2009. During this period, the Secretariat in consultation with interested CCMs, will develop additional procedures to give effect to this paragraph for discussion at TCC5.
13. WCPFC5 agreed that in the future, the development and implementation of a measure in this Commission might be required to sanction CCMs that frequently have their vessels nominated for IUU listing, especially if any CCM fails to effectively monitor, control and sanction offending vessels and vessel operators. Noting this point, any potential measure should take into account actions taken to impose sanctions in other RFMOs. This issue should be taken up by the Compliance with Conservation and Management Measures (CCMM) Working Group facilitated by Australia.
14. WCPFC5 agreed that the Secretariat, in consultation with CCMs, develop a web-based system for vessel record information.
15. WCPFC5 accepted the estimates of the VMS cost structure and adopted the WCPFC-FFA Vessel Monitoring System Service Level Agreement.
16. WCPFC5 adopted the TCC4 Summary Report.
17. WCPFC5 approved the contents of the IWG-ROP2 Summary Report encouraging CCMs to continue to discuss outstanding ROP issues inter-sessionally.
18. WCPFC5 extended the mandate of the IWG-ROP for an additional one-year period to continue work on the priority work items identified [above].
19. WCPFC5 agreed that the Third IWG-ROP meeting will be held at Guam, USA from YY-YY 2009.
20. WCPFC5 recommended that CCMs provide comments to the Chair of the Ad Hoc Task Group [Data], Holly Koehler (US), on the latest draft of the Rules and Procedures by mid-February, and work electronically, and potentially in conjunction with IWG-ROP3 or SC5, to produce a final draft Rules and Procedures document for discussion at TCC5.
21. WCPFC5 adopted the MOU with CCMALR; agreed that the Secretariat begin work to establish a formal relationship with NPAFC; and approved the Data Exchange Agreement with SPC.