



**COMMISSION
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Election of Officers and timing and location of 2013 meetings

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Election of Officers

Rule 8 of the WCPFC Rules of Procedure state that the Chair and a Vice-Chair shall assume office at the end of the session at which they are elected, shall hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election. The following positions are due for election or re-election of officials at WCPFC9.

Position	Existing Chair or Nomination
• WCPFC Chair	Dr Charles Karnella (USA)
• WCPFC Vice-Chair	Matt Hooper (NZ)
• SC Chair	Vacant and no nomination
• TCC Vice Chair	Alexa Cole (USA) (TCC8 nomination)
• NC Chair	Masanori Miyahara (Japan)
• NC Vice Chair	Vacant no nomination
• FAC Co-Chairs	Charleston Deiye (Nauru) Liu Xiaobing (China)
• Ad Hoc Task Group on Data Chair	Vacant and no nomination

Location of the 2013 Commission meeting and sub-Committee meetings

The dates and location of the following meetings need to be agreed for 2013.

Rule 1 of the Rules of procedure: “The Commission shall meet at the headquarters of the Commission unless it decides otherwise.”

Science Committee: SC9 is scheduled to be held from the 6th to the 14th of August 2013 at a venue to be determined. The ED’s suggestion is for the meeting to be held in Pohnpei FSM as the costs are generally less and it sends a good message of support to the FSM and Pohnpei government of support from the Commission in response to their hosting.

Technical and Compliance Committee: TCC8 noted that there are two potential sets of dates for TCC9: 26 September to 1 October 2013 or 3-8 October 2013.

1. The EU expressed a preference for the second period as it would avoid conflicts with the NAFO annual meeting (23-27 September 2012).
2. New Zealand stated that the first period would provide for more time between TCC and the annual meetings of CCAMLR held from mid to late October.
3. The Executive Director noted that China holds a long-standing preference for TCC to begin earlier in September in order to avoid overlap with the Chinese national holidays on and around 1 October.

Northern Committee: This meeting is scheduled for early September 2013 in Japan with specific dates and a venue yet to be determined.

WCPFC10: The Annual Commission Meeting: This meeting is traditional held in the first week of December. In 2013 that would mean the meeting would be held from the 2-6 of December at a location to be determined by members at WCPFC9.