



**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE
SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION**

**Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia
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PROVISIONAL AGENDA

WCPFC-SC7-2011/02

AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF THE MEETING

- 1.1 Welcome address**
- 1.2 Meeting arrangements**
- 1.3 Issues arising from the Commission**
- 1.4 Adoption of agenda**
- 1.5 Reporting arrangements**
- 1.6 Intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee**

AGENDA ITEM 2 REVIEW OF FISHERIES

- 2.1 Overview of Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) fisheries***
- 2.2 Overview of Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) fisheries**
- 2.3 Annual Report (Part 1) from Members, Participating Territories and Cooperating Non-Members (CCMs)**
- 2.4 Reports from regional fisheries bodies and other organizations**

AGENDA ITEM 3 STOCK ASSESSMENT THEME

- 3.1 WCPO bigeye tuna**
 - 3.1.1 Review of research and information
 - a. Review of Project 35
 - b. Review of 2011 stock assessment
 - 3.1.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.2 WCPO yellowfin tuna**
 - 3.2.1 Review of research and information
 - 3.2.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.3 Requests from CMM 2008-01**
 - a. Fishing effort for bigeye and yellowfin tuna from other commercial tuna fisheries*

- b. Review of CMM 2008-01*
- 3.4 WCPO skipjack tuna**
- 3.4.1 Review of research and information
- 3.4.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.5 South Pacific albacore**
- 3.5.1 Review of research and information
 - a. Review of Project 39
 - b. Review of 2011 stock assessment
- 3.5.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.6 South Pacific swordfish**
- 3.6.1 Review of research and information
- 3.6.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.7 Southwest Pacific striped marlin**
- 3.7.1 Review of research and information
- 3.7.2 Provision of scientific information
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.8 North Pacific striped marlin**
- a. Status and trends*
- b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.9 Northern stocks**
- 3.9.1 North Pacific albacore (CMM 2005-03)
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.9.2 Pacific bluefin tuna (CMM 2010-04)
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*
- 3.9.3 North Pacific swordfish
 - a. Status and trends*
 - b. Management advice and implications*

AGENDA ITEM 4 MANAGEMENT ISSUES THEME*

- 4.1 Terms of Reference**
- 4.2 Limit reference points for the WCPFC**
- 4.3 Review of performance of FAD closures**
- 4.4 Management Objectives Workshop**

AGENDA ITEM 5 ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH MITIGATION THEME

- 5.1 Ecosystem effects of fishing**
- 5.2 Sharks***
- 5.3 Seabirds***
- 5.4 Sea turtles***

- 5.5 Other species and issues**
- a. Guidelines for the release of encircled animals
 - b. FAD bycatch mitigation

AGENDA ITEM 6 DATA AND STATISTICS THEME

- 6.1 Data gaps**
- a. Data gaps of the Commission
 - b. Species composition of purse-seine catches
 - c. Data issues with the ISC
- 6.2 Regional Observer Programme (ROP)**
- 6.3 West Pacific East Asia Oceanic Fisheries Management Project (WPEA)**
- 6.4 Tagging initiatives (PTTP)**

AGENDA ITEM 7 COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS

- 7.1 The status of cooperation and relations**

AGENDA ITEM 8 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES

- 8.1 Consideration of the special requirements of developing States pursuant to Part VIII of the Convention**

AGENDA ITEM 9 FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET

- 9.1 Strategic Research Plan of the Scientific Committee**
- 9.2 Review of the Scientific Committee Work Programme**
- 9.3 Development of 2012 Work Programme and budget, and projection of 2013-2014 provisional work programme and indicative budget***

AGENDA ITEM 10 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

- 10.1 Rules of Procedure**
- 10.2 Peer review of stock assessments***
- 10.3 Future operation of the Scientific Committee**
- 10.4 Next meeting***

AGENDA ITEM 11 OTHER MATTERS

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- 12.1 Adoption of the Summary Report and Executive Summary of the Seventh Regular Session of the Scientific Committee**

AGENDA ITEM 13 CLOSE OF MEETING