

WCPFC THIRD MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP

APIA, SAMOA

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Recap of MOW Process

Original TORs:

- purpose and implications of management objectives in terms of biological, economic and social outcomes;
- the role of appropriate reference points and the process of evaluating potential management measures
- recommended management objectives to guide the management of fisheries

MOW1 and MOW2

- ***MOW 1 Manila 28-29 November 2012***
 - Introduced the concept of management frameworks; considered the TT measure CMM 2012-01 and economic aspects of SPA CMM 2010-05; and developed a list of candidate objectives
- ***MOW2 Cairns 28-29 November 2013***
 - Considered and provided advice/commentary on: i) a report listing draft management framework options (refined candidate objectives, performance indicators, and reference points); ii) maintaining viable fisheries across the extent of the stocks; iii) management strategies for SJ; and iv) options to address BE overfishing v) a future workplan

WCPFC 10 Decision

WCPFC agreed to hold an additional workshop on management options (MOW3) in 2014 and to task the Executive Director with exploring external sources of funding for a second workshop in 2015, further input from the expert panel and supporting analyses by the Scientific Services Provider

Some observations on the MOW process

- An opportunity to discuss technical fisheries management issues in an informal setting
- Work directed by the Commission
- Relatively cost-effective (alongside Commission meetings)
- An informal process which has grown from its original (and ambitious) purpose
- Limited resources - reliant on SPC work produced primarily for PNA/FFA
- Too large for detailed technical discussions
- No clear place in Commission structure in which to feed advice/recommendations

MOW 3 Objectives

- Brief re-cap of harvest/management strategy framework
- Discuss and provide advice to the WCPFC11 on management issues including:
 - the establishment and development of a management framework based on a harvest strategy approach, including RPs, HCRs etc.
 - a TRP for skipjack and associated multispecies impacts
 - a process for developing a TRP for SPA
 - determining risk levels to be associated with Limit Reference Points.

Workshop structure

- **Management framework/harvest strategy** (WPS 1, 7 and 8 – FFA)
- **Acceptable levels of risk** (WP 2 – SPC)
- **Skipjack:**
 - stock status and projections to inform TRPs (WP3 – SPC)
 - proposed SJ TRP and associated CMM – (WP 4 - PNA and IP 1 Japan)
 - Multispecies implications of skipjack TRPs (WP5 – SPC)
- **Albacore:**
 - Potential TRPs for SPA (WP 6 - SPC)

Breakout Groups

- **Skipjack - main hall**
 - TRP CMM and associated issues
- **Albacore – other building**
 - Development of a TRP