



COMMISSION
ELEVENTH REGULAR SESSION
Faleata Sports Complex, Apia, SAMOA
1-5 December 2014

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA – REVISION 4

WCPFC11-2014-03_rev4¹
29 November 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Session will open at 9.00am on Monday, 1 December 2014.

The Chair Dr Charles Karnella will welcome delegates from WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) and Observers.

1.1 Welcoming addresses

The Chair will introduce dignitaries who make the welcoming address.

Following the opening ceremony, the Chair will deal with procedural matters of the Session.

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The meeting notice was posted on 29 August 2014, and provisional agenda for WCPFC11 was prepared and distributed on 15 October 2014. The Rules of Procedure provide that Members may propose supplementary agenda items up until 30 days before the meeting (Rule 3) (1 November 2014). The Agenda, as modified, will need to be adopted by the meeting (Rule 5).

¹ Revisions include: i) relocation of previous Agenda items 7: Commission Review; 12 AHTG-data; 14.2 Strategic Plan to “Other Matters”; ii) updates to the list of new CMM proposals under Agenda 10 to reflect actual proposals received to date; iii) inclusion of a footnote 2 regarding possible linkages between Agenda 5 and certain Agenda 10 proposals; iv) edits Agenda to 6.2 to reflect actual papers received to date; v) correction to reflect that often the presentation of subsidiary body reports includes presentation of specific recommendations to the Commission which are considered and modified by the Commission as appropriate, so rather than “report adoption” it is more accurate for the Commission, after considering the recommendation to accept the Report of the subsidiary body; vi) inclusion of a new sub-agenda item 12.3 on WPEA-SM Project; vii) notes on future meetings and subsidiary body chairs to indicate where a recommendation has been made previously on these; and viii) subsequent renumbering of the agenda.
25 Nov: Meeting start time corrected to 9am, and revisions to accommodate new delegation proposals
29 Nov: changes made to Agenda 1, 2, 6 and 12.4

1.3 Meeting arrangements

The Secretariat, will outline any logistical and administrative arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social engagements.

1.3.1 Small Working Groups

The Chair will lead a discussion on small working groups that are expected to take place in the margins of WCPFC11.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPLICATIONS

2.1 Status of the Convention

The Commission will receive a brief report from New Zealand on the status of the Convention.

2.2 Applications for Observer status

In accordance with Rule 36 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Commission will be advised of any applications for observer status, including those that were received from non-government organisations 50 days in advance of the Session (12 October 2014). The Commission will be advised of those observers that were subsequently invited to participate in the Session.

2.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member status

2.3.1 TCC10 advice and recommendations and updates from Secretariat

The TCC Chair will present the advice and recommendations of the TCC10 in relation to applications received. The Commission will be advised of any updated information from CNM applicants since TCC10.

2.3.2 Granting of CNM status for 2015

The Commission will consider applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2015 and decide on granting CNM status to applicants for 2015, on the basis of procedures provided for in CMM 2009-11 will be available to the Commission.

2.3.3 Participatory Rights

In accordance with paragraph 12 and 13 of CMM 2009-11, the Commission may review the limits of participatory rights of CNMs under CMMs.

AGENDA ITEM 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CCM REPORTS

3.1 Report of the Executive Director on the work of the Commission

The Chair will open the floor for discussion on the Executive Directors annual report on the work of the Commission for the 2014 calendar year, noting any future work and budget issues highlighted for the Secretariat and the Commission, including inter-sessional and future work for the Commission and Secretariat.

3.2 Statements of CCMs

CCMs are invited to make statements but as with past practice tabled written statements are preferred.

AGENDA ITEM 4. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES

In accordance with Rule 2 (h) of the WCPFC Rules of Procedure, Agenda 4 is a standing agenda item on the provisional agenda.

4.1 CCM reports on the implementation of Article 30

At WCPFC6 the Chair noted the suggestion by FFA Members for a special agenda item for developed CCMs to report annually on initiatives to implement Article 30 of the Convention. CCMs are requested to report on the implementation of Article 30 of the Convention. In addition, CMM 2013-07 *Conservation and Management Measure on the Special Requirements of Small Island Developing States and Territories* says in paragraph 19, that CCMs shall provide an annual report (Part 2 report) to the Commission on the implementation of this measure. Copies of these reports are provided for CCMs as part of Annual Report Part 2 documentation on the secure side of the WCPFC website.

4.2 Review of Implementation of CMM 2013-07 (CMM 2013-07 paragraph 20)

Paragraph 20 of CMM 2013-07 says that “The Commission at each annual session shall review progress in the implementation of the Convention and this measure.”

4.3 Report from the Chair on Implementation of CMM 2013-06 and Disproportionate Burden Workshop

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes from the Workshop on Implementation of CMM 2013-06 and Disproportionate Burden, and consider any further actions to be taken.

AGENDA ITEM 5. REPORT ON MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP

5.1 Report on Progress from MOW3

5.2 Future work plan and funding

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes and recommendations from the Management Objectives Workshop and consider any further actions to be taken from the recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CMM 2013-01 TROPICAL TUNA MEASURE

6.1 Chairs presentation on Tropical Tuna Measure CMM 2013-01

6.1.1 Updated scientific advice (SPC-OFP)

SPC will provide a short presentation providing some updated scientific advice related to CMM 2013-01.

6.1.2 Outstanding issues, and requirements for 2014

The Chair will present a short paper that notes some of the outstanding matters in CMM 2013-01 for consideration by the Commission in 2014.

6.1.3 Reporting on CMM 2013-01 (Secretariat)

A Secretariat information paper/s summarizing CCM reporting under CMM 2013-01 will be tabled for review by the Commission.

6.2 Consideration of CCM proposals related to CMM 2013-01

The Commission is invited to review proposals from members related to CMM 2013-01 and determine a process for finalization.

6.2.1 PNA + Tokelau Proposal to refine CMM 2013-01 Tropical Tuna CMM

PNA advised TCC10 that they would table a proposal to revise CMM 2013-01, this has been submitted as DP11.

6.2.2 FFA members: Strengthening CMM 2013-01 CMM for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack

FFA paper DP12 will be briefly introduced.

6.2.3 Japan's comments on PNA members and Tokelau proposal for CMM for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack tuna in the WCPO

Japan paper DP15 will be briefly introduced

6.2.4 Proposal by Japan on the Joint Reduction Plan of Purse Seine Fishing Capacity in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Convention Area

Japan paper DP16 will be briefly introduced

6.2.5 Others

Any other CCM proposals or papers on CMM 2013-01 or refinements to the CMM will be briefly introduced.

6.3 Strategy for progress through WCPFC11

The Commission is invited to consider how the outstanding matters in CMM 2013-01 and proposals to refine CMM 2013-01 will be progressed during WCPFC11.

INTRODUCTION FOR AGENDA ITEM 10. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE PROPOSALS

The purpose of this session is to allow the proponents of proposals for other new CMMs or draft amendments to current CMMs, to introduce their proposals.

AGENDA ITEM 7 REPORT OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

7.1 Report of the tenth regular session of the Scientific Committee

The Chair of the SC, Mr Ludwig Kumoru (PNG) will provide a summary of the outcomes of the Tenth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC10) which was held in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands during 6 – 14 August, 2014.

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the SC10, and determine a program of action to implement agreed responses to the scientific advice and recommendations received.

7.1.1 Stock status of key species

The Scientific Services Provider will present the results of analysis/assessment and the current status of key tuna, billfish and shark stocks in 2014.

7.1.2 Recommendations and advice

The Commission will take any necessary actions on the recommendations and advice from SC10.

- **Data and statistics theme**
- **Stock assessment theme**
- **Management issues theme**
- **Ecosystems and bycatch theme**
- **Other issues**

7.2 Future work programme and budget for 2015-2017

The Commission will consider the 2015-2017 SC work programme and budget. The Commission may refer to the advice and recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) in relation to budget considerations.

The Commission will review and adopt as appropriate the SC10 recommendations. The Commission will be invited to accept the Summary Report of SC10.

AGENDA ITEM 8 REPORT OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE NORTHERN COMMITTEE

8.1 Report of the Tenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee

The Chair of the NC, Mr Masanori Miyahara (Japan), will present a summary of the outcomes of Tenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC10) which was held in Fukuoka, Japan, 1-4 September 2014. The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the NC10, seek additional clarification, request additional scientific and management advice as necessary, and determine a programme of action to formulate and implement CMMs, and the management of these northern stocks.

8.1.1 Recommendations and advice

- **Proposal to refine CMM 2013-09 - Pacific Bluefin**
- **Precautionary Management framework for North Pacific albacore**
- **Other issues**

8.2 Future work programme for Northern Committee

The Commission will consider the 2015-2017 NC work programme and provide response as needed.

The Commission will review and adopt, as appropriate, the NC10 recommendations. The Commission will be invited to accept the Summary Report of NC10.

AGENDA ITEM 9. REPORT OF THE TENTH TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

9.1 Report of the Tenth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee

The Chair of the TCC, Ms Rhea Moss-Christian (FSM), will present a summary of the outcomes of the Tenth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC10) which was held 24 - 30 September 2014 at Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

9.1.1 Compliance with Conservation and Management Measures - Report on Compliance Monitoring Scheme

- **Provisional CMR and Executive Summary**
- **Adoption of Final CMR covering 2013 activities**

The Commission is required in accordance with CMM 2013-02 to consider the Provisional Report recommended by the TCC (paragraph 18). Paragraph 21 of CMM 2013-02 says “Taking into account any additional information provided by CCMs, the Commission shall adopt a final Compliance Monitoring Report that includes a Compliance Status for each CCM and recommendations for any corrective action needed, based on compliance issues identified with respect to that CCM.” (paragraph 19 sets deadline of no less than 30 days before WCPFC11 for CCM additional information (1 November 2014)). The Commission is to adopt a final Compliance Monitoring Report, which as per CMM 2013-02 paragraph 21, shall also contain an executive summary setting out any recommendations or observations from the Commission regarding the issues listed in paragraph 16 of this measure.

It should be noted that there are a number of TCC10 recommendations, coming out of this years Provisional CMR and Executive Summary, which have been noted to be matters of interpretation of CMMs. TCC10 has sought advice and direction from the Commission on a number of these matters, and the Commission may need to consider a process for progressing work on these recommendations at WCPFC11.

9.1.2 Adoption of the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2015

There are no new vessels proposed for the Provisional Vessel List for 2015. In accordance with paragraph 20 of CMM 2010-06, the Commission is invited to review the WCPFC IUU list and TCC10 recommendations, and adopt a new WCPFC IUU vessel list.

9.1.3 Recommendations and advice

- **VMS**
- **ROP**
- **Transshipment**
- **HSBI**
- **RFV**
- **EHSP**
- **Data provision and gaps**
- **Other issues**

9.2 E-monitoring and E-reporting initiatives

WCPFC10 agreed that further discussions on E-reporting and E-monitoring should be held at a workshop in early 2014 at a venue to be determined by the Secretariat and the result should be reported to TCC10. (para 173 of WCPFC10 report). The Electronic Monitoring and Electronic Reporting Workshop (EmandErW) was held in Honiara, Solomon Islands, from 31 March – 1 April 2014, chaired by Ray Clarke (United

States). TCC10 received the EmandErW Chairs Report of the workshop, updates from CCMs and a paper from the Secretariat on proposed next steps for the development of draft electronic standards. The Commission is invited to review the TCC10 recommendations, and any further updates from CCMs and the Secretariat on E-monitoring and E-reporting initiatives.

9.3 CDS-IWG Report

WCPFC9 established the Catch Documentation Scheme Intersessional Working Group (CDS-IWG), and appointed Mr Alois Kinol (PNG) as Chair. A workplan for the CDS-IWG was approved at WCPFC10. The CDS-IWG met on Wednesday 24th September 2014, just prior to TCC10. The CDS-IWG Chair provided a report of progress to TCC10. The Commission is invited to review the TCC10 recommendation related to the 2015 workplan for the CDS-IWG.

9.4 Port Coordinators Proposal

A joint discussion paper between FSM-NORMA/WCPFC was circulated to CCMs as WCPFC Circular 2014/36, and this paper was discussed at TCC10. TCC10 requested that the Secretariat and FSM work on further developing the paper taking into account the discussion at TCC10 and bring a draft proposal with TOR to WCPFC11 for further consideration. The Commission is invited to review and consider the revised proposal.

9.5 Proposal to refine CMM 2013-03 – RFV SSPs Proposal (Secretariat)

In accordance with CMM 2013-03, the Record of Fishing Vessels Standards Specifications and Procedures (RFV-SSPs) were implemented from early June 2014. Paragraph 14 and 15 of CMM 2013-03 provides an opportunity for the Secretariat to, as necessary make recommendations for improvements or modifications to the RFV SSPs, including consistency with international standards and codes. TCC10 reviewed a draft proposal by the Secretariat to amend the RFV SSPs (Annex 6 of WCPFC-TCC10-ROP05_rev1). TCC10 tasked the Secretariat to revise the draft proposal in light of the discussions and report back to the Commission. The Commission is invited to review and consider the revised proposal.

9.6 Responses to Non-Compliance – IWG Report

WCPFC10 established an intersessional working group to develop responses to non-compliance (CMM 2013-02, paragraph 24), and agreed this would be chaired by the United States. The stated timeframes for this working group was to endeavor to develop a process for consideration no later than TCC11 and adoption no later than WCPFC12. The IWG-Responses to non-compliance Chair, Ms Alexa Cole, will provide an update on progress of this IWG.

9.7 TCC Workplan 2015

The Commission will consider the 2015 work programme and provide response as needed.

The Commission will review and adopt as appropriate the TCC10 recommendations. The Commission will be invited to accept the Summary Report of TCC10.

AGENDA ITEM 10. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE PROPOSALS

The Commission will consider the new CMM proposed for discussion by members and participating territories. In addition to proposals to refine CMM 2013-01 (tropical tuna measure), there are:

10.1 Proposal to refine CMM 2012-07 – Seabirds (USA)

10.2 Proposal to refine CMM 2011-02 – Commission VMS (USA)

- 10.3 Proposals to refine CMM 2010-07**
 - 10.3.1 Proposal from FFA for Shark Conservation and Management Measure**
 - 10.3.2 Proposal from EU for Shark Conservation and Management Measure**
- 10.4 Port State Measures (FFA)**
- 10.5 Proposal to refine CMM 2010-05 – South Pacific Albacore (FFA)**
- 10.6 Provision of Operational level catch and effort data (FFA)**
- 10.7 Proposal to refine CMM 2007-01 – Regional Observer Programme (FFA)**
- 10.8 Management Objectives process-related proposals²**
 - 10.8.1 Harvest Strategy Proposal (FFA)**
 - 10.8.2 Skipjack target reference point (PNA+ Tokelau)**
 - 10.8.3 Skipjack target reference point (Japan)**
- 10.9 Compliance Monitoring Scheme**
 - 10.9.1 Comments on the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (FFA)**
 - 10.9.2 Proposal for CMM on Compliance Monitoring Scheme (Chair of CMS SWG)**
- 10.10 Proposal to refine CMM 2010-02 – EHSP-SMA (Cook Islands)**
- 10.11 Proposal for CMM on Fisheries and Access Agreement Information**
- 10.12 Others?**

AGENDA ITEM 11. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The FAC Co-Chair Dr Paul Callaghan (United States) will present a summary of the agenda items and issues, advice and recommendations considered at the eighth Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC8), 30 November 2014 for further consideration, refinement as necessary and adoption by WCPFC11.

11.1 Budget approval for 2015 and indicative budgets for 2016 and 2017

The Commission must formally adopt the budget and work plan for the Commission.

The Commission will review and adopt as appropriate the FAC8 recommendations. The Commission will be invited to accept the Summary Report of FAC08.

AGENDA ITEM 12. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

12.1 Appointment of new Executive Director

In accordance with Schedule 3 of the Staff regulations, the short-listed candidates will be interviewed by Contracting Parties during a meeting of their Heads of Delegation. This is scheduled to take place on

² Subject to outcomes from Management Objectives Workshop, these two proposals and others may be reordered for consideration as part of Agenda 5.

Tuesday 2nd December 2014. The Chair will provide a report to the Commission on the outcome of the Appointment process for the Executive Director.

12.2 GEF ABNJ Programme

At WCPFC9, the Commission endorsed participation and in-kind co-financing for the GEF ABNJ Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Project. The Project Coordinator for GEF-ABNJ Programme, Mr Alejandro Anganuzzi, will provide a briefing for the WCPFC on the current status of the project.

12.3 WPEA SM Project

The WPEA Project Manager and WCPFC Science Manager, Dr SungKwon Soh, will provide a briefing for the WCPFC on the current status of the WPEA SM Project.

12.4 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 Commission will elect the following officer bearers of the WCPFC:

- **WCPFC Chair**
- **WCPFC Vice Chair**
Circular 2014-101: FFA nomination: Rhea Moss-Christian (FSM)

- **SC Chair**
- **SC Vice Chair**
*SC10: No nominations were forthcoming for the positions of Chair and Vice Chair of the SC.
Circular 2014-101: FFA nomination Ludwig Kumoru (PNG)*

- **NC Chair**
- **NC Vice Chair**
NC10 recommendation: Masa Miyahara (Japan) and Mike Tosatto were nominated as a candidate Chair and a candidate vice Chair of the NC through NC12 respectively for the Commission's approval.

- **FAC Co-Chair**
Circular 2014-101: FFA nomination: Joyce Ah Leong (Samoa)

- **IWG-ROP Chair**
TCC10 recommendation: TCC10 agreed to recommend to WCPFC11 that Ray Clarke (USA) be appointed as chair of the IWG ROP.

- **TCC Vice Chair**
TCC10 recommendation: TCC10 agreed to recommend to WCPFC11 that Alexa Cole (USA) continue as Vice Chair of the TCC for a second term.

- **Others?**

12.5 Future meetings

- **WCPFC12:**
WCPFC11 will decide on the venue and dates for its next regular session in 2015, noting that at WCPFC10 the Chair announced WCPFC12 will be in Bali, Indonesia.
- **SC11**
SC10 recommendation: FSM kindly offered to host SC11 in Pohnpei, FSM which is provisionally scheduled for Wednesday 5 August to Thursday 13 August 2015. Indonesia kindly offered to host SC12 in 2016.
- **NC11**
NC10 recommendation: It was agreed that NC11 will be held early September 2015, with specific date and place to be determined, taking into account the views of other members.
- **TCC11**
TCC10 recommendation: TCC10 agreed to recommend to WCPFC11 that TCC11 be held in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia on 24-29th September 2015.
- Others?

The dates and venue for the meetings in 2015 of subsidiary bodies, and as appropriate, any intersessional working groups will also be decided.

AGENDA ITEM 13. OTHER MATTERS

The Commission will consider any other matters.

13.1 Progress on the Performance Review of the Commission

WCPFC10 tasked the ED to revise the Performance Review matrix (contained in WCPFC10-2013/14) and to present the revised matrix to WCPFC11. This was circulated to CCMs as WCPFC Circular 2013/128 (dated 20th December 2013). The Commission is invited to review this further iteration of the matrix summarizing the Commission Performance Review recommendations, for discussion and further direction from the Commission.

13.2 Strategic Plan

At WCPFC9, the Commission accepted a recommendation from the FAC that the Strategic Plan for the Commission be move from FAC to the commission as the strategic plan is outside of scope of the FAC. At WCPFC10, the Commission discussed the Strategic Plan, but there were no agreed outcomes. The Commission is invited to review the Strategic Plan and consider any further actions to be taken in respect of the Strategic Plan.

13.3 Ad hoc task group – data

There are two tasks for the Commission related to the Ad-hoc Task Group on data:

13.3.1 Elect a new Chair person

13.3.2 Develop a work programme for 2015 and 2016

At WCPFC10 the Chair called for nominations for a Chair of the AHTG-Data but none were forthcoming. The Commission is invited to nominate a Chair of the AHTG-Data, and then confirm its future programme of work.

AGENDA ITEM 14. SUMMARY REPORT

The Commission will adopt a Summary Report of its Eleventh Regular Session, as per usual practice this will be done out of session.

AGENDA ITEM 15. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting is scheduled to close at 3.30pm on Friday, 5 December 2014.