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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 1 OPENING OF MEETING **Doc**

The meeting will open at 08:30 on Wednesday 23 September 2015.

1.1 Welcome

The Chair (Ms Alexa Cole) will open the Eleventh Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC11) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) and welcome delegations of the WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-Members, Participating Territories (CCMs) and Observers.

1.2 Adoption of agenda **02**

The Chair will introduce the Provisional Agenda for TCC11 (WCPFC-TCC11-2015-02) that was distributed in accordance with Rule 1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. The Rules of Procedure adopted at WCPFC1 in December 2004 will apply to TCC11 as TCC has not adopted its own Rules of Procedure (Rule 31). The Rules of Procedure provide that Members may propose supplementary agenda items up until 30 days before the meeting (Rule 3). The Agenda, as modified, will need to be adopted by the meeting (Rule 5).

1.3 Meeting arrangements

The Chair will invite TCC11 to review the Indicative Schedule, noting logistical arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social events.

1.4 Introduction of Proposals: new CMM s or draft revisions to current CMMs **06**

Proponents of new CMM proposals will be invited to briefly introduce their proposals.

AGENDA ITEM 2 IUU LIST **07**

In accordance with CMM 2010-06, TCC11 will review the current WCPFC IUU Vessel list and the draft IUU Vessel list, and any suitably documented information.

AGENDA ITEM 3 CNM REQUESTS **08**

In accordance with CMM 2009-11, TCC11 will consider the applications for CNM status for 2016, and make recommendations and technical advice to the Commission. It is expected that a working group will develop a first draft of draft recommendations and technical advice for TCC11.

¹ Edit to clarify the topic of sub-agenda 8.1(b), inclusion of sub-agenda 8.2 (d) reflecting a SC11 recommendation, and inclusion of agenda 9.2, 11.6 and 12.1 in response to CCM proposals. Agenda 13.2 was withdrawn owing to there being no paper to discuss.

AGENDA ITEM 4 COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME

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IP01
IP02
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IP05

This is the fifth year of implementation for the WCPFC Compliance Monitoring Scheme. WCPFC11 adopted CMM 2014-07 *Conservation and Management Measure for Compliance Monitoring Scheme* which applies in 2015.

4.1 Review of draft CMR

In accordance with CMM 2014-07, TCC11 is to review the Draft Report (dCMR) prepared by the Secretariat in the form agreed by WCPFC11 and based on the list of obligations agreed by WCPFC11 and contained in Attachment U of the WCPFC11 Summary Report. Potential compliance issues will be identified for each CCM, based on information contained in the dCMRs as well as any information provided by CCMs in accordance with paragraph 12 of CMM 2014-07.

The review shall be held taking into account the confidentiality of information. (CMM 2014-07 para 14).

4.2 Provisional CMR report and Executive Summary

In accordance with CMM 2014-07 paragraphs 15 and 16, TCC11 shall take into account any additional information provided by CCMs, and where appropriate non-governmental organizations and other organizations, and develop a Provisional CMR that will include a provisional assessment of each CCM's Compliance Status and recommendations for any corrective action needed, based on potential compliance issues it has identified in respect of that CCM and using the criteria and considerations for assessing Compliance Status set out in Annex I of CMM 2014-07.

The Provisional CMR will also include an executive summary including recommendations and observations from TCC regarding: (i) Identification of any CMMs that should be reviewed to address implementation or compliance difficulties experienced by CCMs, including any specific amendments or improvements that have been identified (**TCC11 Agenda 4.4**),

(ii) capacity building requirements or other obstacles to implementation identified by CCMs, in particular small island developing State Members and Participating Territories, (**TCC11 Agenda 4.3**) and

(iii) additional priority obligations that should be reviewed under the CMS pursuant to paragraph 5 of this measure (**TCC11 Agenda 4.5**).

4.3 Target capacity assistance to areas of need identified by CMR process (TCC Workplan 2013-2015)

TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task, which was included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015, noting linkages to recommendations that may be made by TCC in the Provisional CMR Executive Summary.

4.4 Recommendations to revise CMMs prioritized by CMS process which were ambiguous or problematic (TCC Workplan 2013-2015)

TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task, which was included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015, noting linkages to recommendations that may be made by TCC in the Provisional CMR Executive Summary.

4.5 Consideration of an independent audit of the CMS

The Secretariat was tasked with preparing a paper for TCC11, which will include consideration of the costs of conducting an independent audit of the CMS. WCPFC11 agreed that there should be an audit of the CMS at some point (WCPFC11 Summary Report para 674).

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4.6 Recommendations to refine CMM 2014-07 Compliance Monitoring Scheme 11
TCC11 is invited to discuss this matter noting that:

- CMM 2014-07 *Conservation and Management Measure for Compliance Monitoring Scheme applies* for 2015.
- TCC was tasked to address some CCM's concerns regarding the CMS process (WCPFC11 Summary Report para 468).
- WCPFC11 agrees that it is a priority to complete the work of revising and updating the Compliance Monitoring Scheme CMM, including addressing the proposals of FFA to address the capacity building needs of SIDS. WCPFC11 agrees that the United States will continue to progress this proposal intersessionally for adoption at WCPFC12 (WCPFC11 Summary Report para 678).
- CMM 2014-07 established an IWG process for developing a systematic analysis, prioritization and response mechanism for non-compliance (TCC workplan 2013-15, CMM 2014-07 paragraph 23 - 25)

AGENDA ITEM 5 STATUS OF FISHERIES PRESENTATION (SPC-OFP) IP09
IP08

AGENDA ITEM 6 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES 12

In accordance with Rule 2 (h) of the WCPFC Rules of Procedure, *Consideration of the Special Requirements of Developing States pursuant to Part VIII of the Convention* is a standing agenda item on the provisional agenda. In the past, developed CCMs provided reports on initiatives to implement Article 30, specifically in relation to the activities and work program of TCC.

TCC11 is invited to discuss the special requirements of developing States as it relates to the work of TCC, noting that:

- i) The approved TCC workplan 2013-2015 identified that a TCC priority was to “give effect to obligations related to Small Island Developing States”;
- ii) At WCPFC10 two CMMs were approved: CMM 2013-06 *Conservation and Management Measure on the criteria for the consideration of conservation and management proposals* and CMM 2013-07 *Conservation and Management Measure on the special requirements of SIDS and participating territories*; and
- iii) WCPFC11 noted the checklist in WCPFC11-2014-DP20_rev2 provided by FFA members, setting out an evaluation of SIDS special requirements and the respective status of assistance, and agreed to take into consideration the checklist as a guide to assist developed CCMs to assess the status of assistance to SIDS. (WCPFC11 Summary report, paragraph 197, Attachment D)

6.1 Review mechanisms to give full effect to SIDS obligations

TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task which was included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015.

6.2 Report on implementation of trial WCPFC Port Coordinators Programme 13
2015-2016

WCPFC11 agreed to establish a trial WCPFC port coordinators programme (WCPFC11 Summary Report paragraph 542 and Attachment P). Relevant Members, SPC-OFP and WCPFC Secretariat will jointly report to SC and TCC (in 2015 and 2016), on the implementation of the trial WCPFC port coordinators programme.

AGENDA ITEM 7 ANNUAL REPORT OF EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR 14
Highlights of WCPFC Secretariat administering of MCS and Compliance programmes

AGENDA ITEM 8 CORE MCS ACTIVITIES - *discussion of technical issues or requirements*

8.1 Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) **RP01**
The WCPFC Secretariat will be invited to introduce the VMS Annual Report (RP01). TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations on this matter.

(a) Review compatibility of WCPFC high seas VMS with coastal VMS (TCC workplan 2013-2015) **15**
TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task, which was included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015.

(b) Review implementation of Commission recommendations [from the Joint WCPFC/FFA Review of the WCPFC VMS (paper WCPFC-2011/27)] (from 2012) small WG (TCC workplan 2013-2015) **16**
TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task, which was included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015.

8.2 Regional Observer Programme **RP02**
The WCPFC Secretariat will be invited to introduce the ROP Annual Report (RP02). TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations on this matter.

(a) Report of the IWG-ROP4 **17**
The IWG-ROP was reconstituted to address issues that have arisen with implementation of the Regional Observer Programme. The fourth meeting of the IWG-ROP was held in Nadi, Fiji from 6 – 8 July 2015, and a report will be provided to TCC and SC in 2015. The IWG-ROP4 Chair will provide a report of progress to TCC11. TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations.

(b) Measuring and monitoring ROP longline coverage **IP05**
WCPFC11 approved the guidelines for ROP longline coverage by fleet/fishery described in Attachment L Table 1, noting that it should be open to review and adjustments at future TCC meetings (WCPFC11 Summary Report paragraph 483). TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations

(c) Review implementation of Commission recommendations from 2012 ROP TAG **18**
TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task which was included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015.

(d) Draft proposed changes to longline ROP observer data collection standards **19**
SC11 endorsed the draft proposed changes to longline ROP observer data collection standards related to bycatch data collection. TCC11 is invited to review the proposal and make recommendations on this matter.

8.3 High Seas Transshipment Monitoring **RP03**
The WCPFC Secretariat will be invited to introduce the High Seas Transshipment Monitoring Annual Report (RP03). TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations on this matter.

8.4 High Seas Boarding and Inspection (HSBI) **RP04**
The WCPFC Secretariat will be invited to introduce the High Seas Boarding and Inspection (HSBI) Annual Report (RP04). TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations on this matter.

8.5 Record of Fishing Vessels (RFV) **RP05**
 The WCPFC Secretariat will be invited to introduce the Record of Fishing Vessels (RFV) Annual Report (RP05). TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations on this matter.

8.6 Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area (EHSP-SMA) **RP06**
 The WCPFC Secretariat will be invited to introduce the EHSP-SMA Annual Report (RP06). TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations on this matter.

AGENDA ITEM 9 DATA PROVISION AND DATA GAPS

9.1 Review of tiered scoring system for evaluating compliance with provision of scientific data to the Commission **IP04**

WCPFC11 adopted the tier scoring system for evaluating compliance with the provision of scientific data to the Commission, on the understanding that TCC will keep looking at the process of refining the CMR. The tiered scoring system would be sent to the SC for its consideration. (WCPFC11 Summary Report paragraph 478 and Attachment J) TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations on this or related matters.

9.2 Proposal to amend “Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission” **DP01**
 TCC11 is invited to discuss the proposal

AGENDA ITEM 10 INTERSESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

10.1 E-monitoring and E-reporting Initiatives

(a) Report from Electronic Reporting and E-monitoring Intersessional Working Group **20**

The Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Intersessional Working Group (ERandEMWG) is scheduled to meet on 8 – 10 July 2015. The ERandEMWG Chair will provide a brief report of progress to TCC11.

(b) Reports from CCMs on outcomes and progress with trials and implementation
 CCMs and as appropriate subregional agencies, will be invited to provide brief updates on their progress with ERandEM trials and implementation.

10.2 Report from CDS-IWG Chair **21**

The Catch Documentation Scheme Intersessional Working Group (CDS-IWG) is scheduled to meet on Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd September 2015. The CDS-IWG Chair will provide a brief report of progress to TCC11.

10.3 Consideration of SC and NC outcomes related to TCC’s work **IP03**
 TCC11 is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 11 REVIEW OF EXISTING CMMs INCLUDING ANY PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

This agenda item will be updated based on proposals from Members.

11.1 South Pacific Albacore (CMM 2010-05)

TCC9 recommended that a paper on South Pacific albacore prepared by SPC be updated for WCPFC10 and provided as a standing item for consideration by SC, TCC and the Commission each year. TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task, which was included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015. **IP09**

11.2 Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack (CMM 2014-01, CMM 2009-02)

(a) FAD Management Options Working Group

WCPFC11 agreed to establish a WCPFC FAD Management Options Working Group (WCPFC11 Summary Report para 269 and Attachment E). The working group Chair will provide a brief report on progress to TCC11. TCC11 is invited to discuss, and as appropriate, provide recommendations and technical advice.

(b) Other aspects of CMM 2014-01

TCC11 is invited to discuss, and as appropriate, provide recommendations and technical advice.

IP07

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11.3 Sharks (CMM 2010-07, CMM 2011-04, CMM 2012-04, CMM 2013-08 & CMM 2014-05)

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(a) Review of shark CMMs

TCC11 is invited to discuss noting that:

- WCPFC11 agreed that TCC should discuss identifying barriers to implementing the mitigation methods raised in SC10-EB-WP-05 along with any considerations raised by WCPFC11, and develop solutions where appropriate (WCPFC11 Summary Report, para 368)
- SC10 report noted that “SC11 will further review and develop i) Guidelines for the safe release of encircled animals, including whale sharks (Attachment I, SC10 Report) and ii) Development of new guidelines for the survival of sharks (other than whale sharks) to be released from longline or purse-seine gear (Attachment J, SC10 Report), which will be forwarded to TCC11(SC10 Summary report 6.2.3 f)”.

TCC11 is invited to discuss, and as appropriate, provide recommendations and technical advice.

11.4 Seaturtles (CMM 2008-03)

(a) Review non-target CMM (turtles) (TCC workplan 2013-2015)

TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task which was included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015. Updates may be provided on planned or currently underway activities relevant to this review.

11.5 Seabirds (CMM 2012-07)

(a) reports from CCMs on practical and technical constraints to seabird mitigation measures (para 10 of CMM 2012-07)

Paragraph 10 of CMM 2012-07 says... “the TCC will evaluate the constraints and opportunities for small vessels to employ seabird mitigation measures in the North Pacific, and the Commission will consider appropriate seabird mitigation requirements for vessels less than 24m in length in the North Pacific.”

11.6 Establishing a Harvest Strategy for key fisheries and stocks in the WCPO (CMM 2014-06)

Paragraph 13 of CMM 2014-06 says... “The Commission shall agree a workplan and indicative timeframes to adopt or refine harvest strategies for skipjack, bigeye, yellowfin, South Pacific albacore, Pacific bluefin and northern albacore¹ tuna by no later than the twelfth meeting of the Commission in 2015. This workplan will be subject to review in 2017. The Commission may agree timeframes to adopt harvest strategies for other fisheries or stocks.

DP02

Footnote ¹. Draft timeframes and harvest strategies for stocks which occur mostly in the area north of 20N to be developed and recommended by the Northern Committee. ”

A draft workplan has been provided for TCCs comments and recommendations from a technical and scientific perspective.

AGENDA ITEM 12 PROPOSALS FOR NEW CMMs

This agenda item will be updated based on proposals for new CMMs received from Members.

12.1 Draft CMM on WCPO Skipjack tuna target reference point – PNA members.

DP04

Proposal has been revised from an earlier version that was presented to WCPFC11.

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AGENDA ITEM 13 OTHER MATTERS REQUIRING TCC ADVICE

This agenda item may also include other requests from any Member, in accordance with Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure.

13.1 Development and trials of metrics for measuring fishing effort and capacity – (TCC workplan 2013-2015)

TCC11 is invited to discuss this priority project specific task, which is included in the approved TCC workplan 2013-2015.

AGENDA 14 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

14.1 TCC Work Plan for 2013 – 2015

WCPFC9 approved the TCC Workplan 2013-2015. TCC11 is invited to provide recommendations and advice to the Commission on a TCC workplan for 2016 onwards.

14.2 Administration of the Data Rules and Procedures, including Report on WCPFC Security Audit 2014/15

**RP07
RP08**

The Secretariat will update TCC11 on the 2015 review of the integrity of WCPFC VMS data, which is required under paragraph 6.10 of the WCPFC VMS SSPs to be conducted by the Secretariat annually. As was the case in previous years, this will include a review of the Secretariats Information Security. The Secretariat will also introduce the paper on the administration of the data rules and procedures.

14.3 Report on Secretariat IMS and website development and online reporting systems (2013 – 2015)

WCPFC8 approved the Secretariat proposal on IMS enhancement (WCPFC8-2012-FAC-16). TCC9 noted a progress report from the Secretariat on these developments for 2013-14. The Secretariat will provide a report on these developments. TCC is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations.

14.4 Next meeting

In 2015 and as agreed at WCPFC11, TCC11 was extended by a day. TCC11 is invited to recommend the proposed dates in late September/early October 2016 and that the venue is in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

AGENDA 15 CLEARANCE OF TCC11 RECOMMENDATIONS

(As per usual practice TCC11 report will be cleared intersessionally)

AGENDA 16 CLOSE OF MEETING