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EU Recommendations on Shark finning

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TCC11 taking note of:

* WCPFC-TCC11-2015-RP02 *Annual Report on the Regional Observer Programme* and SC11 advice indicating that finning still occurs in the WCPFC CA,

* SC11 advice that the very limited available data relevant for evaluating the fins to carcass weight ratio suffer from some serious limitations, potential biases and errors, that SC11 was unable to confirm the validity of using a 5% fin to carcass ratio in CMM 2010-07 and that subsequently an evaluation of the 5% ratio is not currently possible due to insufficient information for all but one of the major fleets implementing these ratios.

Recommends that:

* WCPFC Secretariat, based on the Annual Reports submitted in 2015, presents to WCPFC12 a table displaying a summary of the results of the self-assessments of CCMs in relation to CMM 2010-07,

* WCPFC12 takes note that although TCC11 has not assessed compliance with CMM 2010-07 it has noted a large number of cases of non-compliance with this CMM,

* WCPFC12 considers alternative means for ensuring an effective implementation of the finning ban in the WCPFC CA.