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COOPERATING NON-MEMBER REQUESTS FOR 2016

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Purpose

1. The paper presents for the consideration and decision of WCPFC12 the requests received for grant of Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2016.

Background

2. The Sixth Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC6) adopted Conservation and Management Measure 2009-11 (CMM 2009-11) 'Cooperating Non-Members' (which replaced CMM 2008-02 and before that CMM 2004-02). The decisions to be made by the Commission are set out in paragraphs 8 and 12-13, which is a two-step process:

8. The Commission shall accord CNM status on an annual basis. It may renew the CNM status subject to a review of the CNM's compliance with the Convention's objectives and requirements.

12. Without prejudice to the sovereign rights of coastal States for the purpose of exploring and exploiting, conserving and managing highly migratory fish stocks within areas under national jurisdiction, and following the granting of CNM status, the Commission shall, where necessary, determine how the participatory rights of CNMs will be limited by the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission. ...

13. The limits determined for CNMs under paragraph 12 may be reviewed by the Commission from time to time in accordance with this measure and other conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission.

The WCPFC6 Summary Report includes as Attachment S a flowchart that was intended to illustrate the CMM 2009-11 process (see **Appendix 1**)

3. On 19 February 2015, the WCPFC Secretariat sent to all 2015 Cooperating Non-Members, letters confirming the outcomes from WCPFC11 in regard to their CNM

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request and where applicable, the financial commitment expected from each CNM for 2015. The link to the template electronic form to be used for CNM applications to renew status for 2016 was also provided: <https://www.wcpfc.int/doc/commission-07b/cooperating-non-member-request-template>.

4. The Secretariat received seven (7) requests for grant of Cooperating Non-Member status in 2016, all were submitted using the electronic pdf form (see **Table 1** on next page). A few requesting countries also provided a written cover letter to support their CNM request. **Table 2** provides an update on payment of financial contributions.

5. A copy of the information that was submitted by CNM applicants is accessible to CCMs through their individual logins to the CCM section of the WCPFC website (<https://www.wcpfc.int/cooperating-non-members>) with the reference as WCPFC-WCPFC-TCC11-2015-08 Attachment 1 to this paper. The information submitted on the pdf form, has been extracted and is provided combined CSV format with the reference as WCPFC-TCC11-2015-08 Attachment 2 to this paper. Copies of letters and communications related to WCPFC11 outcomes are also provided on the CCM section with reference as WCPFC-TCC11-2015-08 Attachment 1.

TCC11 outcomes

6. TCC11 reviewed the compliance status of six current Cooperating Non-Members (Ecuador, El Salvador, Mexico, Panama, Thailand and Vietnam). These compliance reviews took place alongside compliance reviews of Members and Participating Territories, as part of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme process (CMM 2014-07).

7. During October, the Secretariat sent letters to all CNM Applicants to forwarding TCC11 outcomes (CMM 2009-11 paragraph 4). Copies of these letters and relevant additional information received post-TCC11 are also provided on the CCM section as **Attachment 3**. A list of all CNM-related documents will be maintained as part of the WCPFC12 List of Documents (WCPFC12-2015-04).

8. It is expected that a working group will be established to prepare draft decisions points for consideration by WCPFC12 relevant to any reviews of Cooperating Non-Member participatory limits.

Recommendation

9. WCPFC12 is invited to decide with respect to each Cooperating Non-Member applicant whether to accord Cooperating Non-Member status.

Table 1: Dates of receipt for CNM requests received in 2015 (for 2016) as at 27 August 2015

APPLICANT	DATE REQUEST FOR RENEWAL OF CNM STATUS WAS RECEIVED(due 25 July 2015)	
	As written letter of request ²	As completed electronic pdf form
Ecuador	23 July 2015	25 July 2015
El Salvador		23 July 2015
Mexico		23 June 2015
Liberia		15 July 2015 (revised 17 July 2015)
Panama	16 April 2015	21 April 2015
Thailand	22 July 2015	22 July 2015
Vietnam	16 July 2015	16 July 2015

Table 2. Notes on financial contributions from Cooperating Non-Members for 2014 and 2015 as at 9 October 2015

	2014 Financial contribution	2015 assessed financial contribution	Date of receipt of payment for 2015
Ecuador	Paid	44,677	2,897 received as overpayment in 2014; Oct/Nov 2015 44,677 received
El Salvador	Paid	31,872	18 May 2015 31,835 received
Liberia	n/a	12,917	1 September 2015 12,917 received
Mexico	Not paid 27,727.00 owing	27,070	0
Panama	Paid	19,837	26 June 2015 19,837 received
Thailand	Paid	18,648	18 Sept 2015 18,648 received
Vietnam	Paid	14,701	Oct 2015 14,701 received
** Senegal³	n/a	13,515	0

² Copies of these cover letters to the electronic pdf form are attached as Att 1

³ Senegal has not reapplied for 2016 – information is provided for completeness and noting the significance to the conditional grant of CNM status in the WCPFC11 Decision

Appendix 1

