

## TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS, PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS

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#### **WCPFC12 Outcomes Document**

Dear All,

Pursuant to rule 33(2) of the Rules of Procedures for the WCPFC, please find enclosed the Outcomes Document for WCPFC12 which lists the decisions taken at the WCPFC12. The same is also posted on the WCPFC12 meeting site. Should there be comments on the Outcomes Document, please submit them together with comments on the Summary Report of WCPFC12 which will be forwarded to CCMs and Observers in due course.

Yours sincerely,

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**EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 



## The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean

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## **OUTCOMES DOCUMENT**

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## Agenda Item 1 - Agenda

1. The agenda WCPFC12-2015-02\_rev2 was adopted with amendments (Attachment d).

## Agenda Item 2 – Report of the Executive Director

2. The Commission noted the 2015 Annual Report of the Executive Director (WCPFC12-2015-06).

## **Agenda item 4 - Memberships and Other Applications**

#### 4.1 - Status of the Convention

3. The Commission noted the Report on the Status of the Convention (WCPFC12-2015-05).

## 4.2 - Update on Observer status

- 4. The Commission noted the updated list of observers provided in WCPFC12-2015-07 and tasked the Secretariat to undertake a review of observer participation at the Commission, covering the following possible elements:
  - the number of observers which have attended meetings;
  - whether it is appropriate to limit numbers on observers' delegations;
  - whether it is appropriate for observers to pay an annual contribution towards the meeting costs;
  - how to accommodate treating separately observers which support the SIDS' effective participation in the Commission (specifically SPC, FFA, PNAO);
  - whether and/or how to accommodate treating separately observers that are direct stakeholders, such as harvest groups;

- transparency; and
- access to documents; and to report back to WCPFC13.

#### 4.3 - Applications for CNM status

5. The Commission agreed to approve the application for CNM status in 2016 for Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Mexico, Panama, Thailand and Vietnam.

#### 4.3.1 - Participatory rights of CNMs

- 6. The Commission noted with appreciation the attendance and participation of Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Mexico, Panama, Thailand, and Vietnam in the SWG discussions.
- 7. The Commission agreed that:
  - a. In accordance with the WCPF Convention and its conservation and management measures and resolutions, the following participatory rights apply to Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs) for fisheries in the high seas within the WCPFC Convention Area.
  - b. In addition, unless otherwise specified below, CNMs may fish in waters under their national jurisdiction or other CCMs' national jurisdiction, in accordance with appropriate bilateral arrangements.
  - c. CNMs shall ensure vessels flying their flags comply with all provisions of the WCPF Convention and the WCPFC conservation and management measures. In addition, CNM vessels will be placed on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels (WCPFC RFV).
  - d. CCMs shall ensure that CNM fishing activities that are conducted in waters under their national jurisdiction in accordance with bilateral arrangements are consistent with all relevant conservation and management measures and provisions of the WCPF Convention.
  - e. Renewal of CNM status by the Commission will take into account compliance with the national laws and regulations of any licensing CCM, and all conservation and management measures and provisions of the WCPF Convention. CCMs shall identify any violations by vessels flagged to a CNM and report on any investigations of such violations to the TCC.

## Participatory rights of each CNM in 2016

## **Ecuador**

- 8. The Commission noted Ecuador's non-compliant status in CMR covering 2014 activities and encouraged Ecuador to aim for full compliance in 2016.
- **9.** The Commission agreed that Ecuador's participatory rights for fishing in the WCPO are limited to purse seine fishing, with no participatory rights for fishing on the high seas for highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area. Any introduction of purse seine fishing capacity is to be in accordance with paragraph 12 of CMM 2009-11 and CMM 2014-01 or its replacement measure.

#### El Salvador

- 10. The Commission noted El Salvador's non-compliant status in CMR covering 2014 activities and encouraged El Salvador to aim for full compliance in 2016.
- 11. The Commission agreed that the participatory rights of El Salvador for fishing in the WCPO are limited to purse seine fishing only. The total level of effort by purse seine vessels of El Salvador on the high seas shall not exceed 29 days in the Convention Area. Any introduction of purse seine fishing capacity is to be in accordance with paragraph 12 of CMM 2009-11 and CMM 2014-01 or its replacement measure.

#### Liberia

- 12. The Commission noted that Liberia was not subject to compliance evaluation in CMR covering 2014 activities.
- 13. The Commission agreed that the participatory rights of Liberia are limited to reefer vessels to engage in transhipment activities, and bunker and supply vessels to support fishing vessels in the Convention area.

#### Mexico

- 14. The Commission noted that CMR covering 2014 activities assessed Mexico to be in full compliance with all applicable CMMs.
- 15. The Commission noted that Mexico had participated in the work of the Northern Committee (NC) at NC 8, 9, 10 and 11 and, noting the need for cooperation with the work of the NC particularly in regard to Pacific bluefin tuna, encouraged Mexico to continue to participate in the NC. Mexico does not intend to have a vessel presence in 2016. The Commission agreed that any future introduction of purse seine fishing capacity is to be in accordance with paragraph 12 of CMM 2009-11 and CMM 2014-01 or its replacement measure.

#### **Panama**

- 16. The Commission noted Panama's non-compliant status in CMR covering 2014 activities and encouraged Panama to aim for full compliance in 2016.
- 17. The Commission agreed that the participatory rights of Panama in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels. At the request of Panama, and after consulting the Legal Advisor, the SWG noted that Panama's participatory rights also apply to vessels that supply food, water and spare parts to carrier vessels that engage in transhipment activities, provided that these vessels do not engage in activities supporting fishing vessels, including providing and/or servicing FADs. The Commission noted that this does not result in any additional participatory rights in 2016 to the participatory rights granted to Panama in 2015.

#### **Thailand**

- 18. The Commission noted Thailand's non-compliant status in CMR covering 2014 activities and encouraged Thailand to aim for full compliance in 2016.
- 19. The Commission noted the need for cooperation between Thailand and the Commission and the commitment from Thailand to provide data from canneries located in Thailand to assist in the work of the Commission, considering that the CNM status was granted to Thailand for 2016 on the understanding that Thailand will cooperate fully with the Commission in the acquisition and exchange of fishery information and data. The Commission noted the provision of data from Thai canneries and encourages Thailand to continue to cooperate with the Commission to improve the acquisition and exchange of fishery information and data. The Commission agreed that the participatory rights of Thailand in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.

#### Vietnam

- 20. The Commission noted that in the CMR covering 2014 activities assessed Vietnam to be in full compliance with all applicable CMMs. Vietnam also informed the Commission that it had provided its assessed financial contribution.
- 21. The Commission noted the need for continued cooperation between Vietnam and the Commission to achieve compatibility of fisheries management and conservation, as well as on the acquisition and exchange of fishery information and data, for which Vietnam would require assistance. The Commission noted its appreciation that the significant improvements in the collection and provision of data from Vietnam fisheries through the GEF WPEA project, administered by the WCPFC and encourages Vietnam to continue to cooperate with the Commission to improve the acquisition and exchange of fishery information and data. The Commission agreed that the participatory rights of Vietnam in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.

## WCPFC/IATTC Overlap Area

## 22. The Commission agreed that

- a. In accordance with the decision of WCPFC 9 regarding the management of the overlap area of 4°S and between 130°W and 150°W, vessels flagged to Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico will be governed by the IATTC when fishing in the overlap area;
- b. In accordance with the Data Exchange MOU agreed by both Commissions, fishing vessels flying the flag of a member of either the IATTC or WCPFC shall cooperate with the RFMO to which they are not a member by voluntarily providing operational catch and effort data for its fishing activities for highly migratory species in the overlap area; and
- c. For the purpose of investigation of possible IUU fishing activities and consistent with international and domestic laws, vessels flying the flag of a CNM that is a Contracting Party to the IATTC will cooperate with those coastal State members of the WCPFC whose EEZs occur in the overlap area by voluntarily providing VMS reports (date, time and position) to those coastal States when operating in the overlap area.

## Agenda Item 7- Observer safety

- 23. The Commission adopted the pre-notification process from observer providers to flag CCMs of possible alleged infringements by their vessels and put forward by the IWG-ROP, as amended to include data being provided to the coastal state when an alleged infringement takes place in a coastal state's waters. (Attachment e)
- 24. The Commission agreed that all ROP authorized observer programmes provide to the Commission Secretariat in a timely manner the ROP minimum data elements on the WCPFC Observer Trip Monitoring Summary, or which are included in SPC/FFA General Form 3 (Attachment 7 to IWG-ROP4 Summary Report), as a means of supporting a pre-notification process from observer providers to flag of possible alleged infringements by their vessels. To facilitate the pre-notification process it was recommended that only those data elements answered in the affirmative by observers would be provided to the Commission Secretariat for transmittal to the flag CCM and as appropriate the relevant coastal State for alleged infringements in their waters.
- 25. The Commission agreed that to support the pre-notification process, that there are two additional fields that should be provided by observer providers to the Commission Secretariat to support a flag CCMs investigations of any possible alleged infringements. These are:
  - 1. "start date of trip and end date of trip"
  - 2. "status of the debriefing process" i.e, "debriefed", "pre debriefed" or "not debriefed"
- 26. The Commission noted that the requirement of providing the pre-notification data elements to the Commission Secretariat, may not be required where there are domestic requirements enabling access by vessel operators to observer data.
- 27. The Commission agreed that the implementation of the pre-notification process would be delayed for six months following WCPFC12.
- 28. The Commission adopted two new minimum standards for "Observer safety at sea" and "Emergency Action Plan" for inclusion in the WCPFC Minimum Standards of the Regional Observer Programme, with an implementation date of no later than 1 January 2017. (Attachment f)
- 29. The Commission agreed to consider ways of strengthening the two proposals recommended by the IWG-ROP4 related to pre-notification process from observer providers (WCPFC12-2015-21b) and additional reporting requirements for carrier vessels operating in the Convention Area (WCPFC12-2015-21a) to complement and enhance efforts to provide better support to observer safety and security.
- 30. The Commission agreed to support the strengthening of the reporting mechanisms within the Commission and among CCMs regarding instances of interference, intimidation, threats, assault, or disappearance of observers.
- 31. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to intensify its support to national observer programmes to strengthen and enhance their capability in the areas of observer safety and security, including in support to safety at sea operations.
- 32. The Commission agreed that a CMM should be drafted for TCC12's consideration and finalisation and WCPFC13's deliberation on flag state responsibilities in the event of alleged observer safety incidents. The USA kindly offered to lead this work.

## Agenda item 9 – Review of CMM 2014-01

33. The Commission agreed to amend CMM 2014-01 to replace references to "2015" with "2016" in paragraphs 25, 28, 29, and 43 and ii) include reference to CMM 2014-01, in paragraph 62, Attachment C para 1 and 9, and Attachment E preamble. (Attachment g, CMM 2015-01)

## Agenda Item 10 – Review of CMM 2010-05

34. The Commission adopted CMM 2015-02 which will revise and replace CMM 2010-05 (Attachment h, CMM 2015-02).

## Agenda Item 11 – Bycatch Mitigation CMM Review

#### 11. 1 - Sharks

35. The Commission tasks the Secretariat to develop a paper that provides guidance on the development and evaluation of management plans for longline fisheries targeting sharks in association with WCPFC fisheries (CMM 2014-05) and which takes into account the elements and timeframes in Attachment i.

#### 11.2 Whale sharks

36. WCPFC12 endorsed the "Guidelines for Safe Release of Encircled Animals including whale sharks" as recommended by SC11 and TCC11. (Attachment ibis)

#### 113 - Seabirds

37. The Commission adopted CMM 2015-03 which will revise and replace CMM 2012-07 (CMM 2015-03, Attachment j).

# Agenda Item 12 – Adoption of Reports of Subsidiary Bodies, IWG and Workshops

## 12.1 – SC11 report

- 38. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to develop a proposal, including an indicative budget, to establish a formal process to independently review stock assessments. This proposal will be presented to SC12.
- 39. The Commission noted that SC10 had considered levels of risk associated with breaching the LRP within the range 5-20% and that the identification of acceptable risk is a management issue.
- 40. The Commission agreed to identify the level of acceptable risk which should be applied to

breaching a LRP for the key target species, noting that the UN Fish Stocks Agreement states that the risk of exceeding LRPs should be very low.

- 41. The Commission endorsed the SC11 recommended stock assessment schedule (Attachment k)
- 42. The Commission adopted the SC11 Report.

#### 12.2 - NC11 report

- 43. The Commission agreed to amend CMM 2014-04 (Pacific Bluefin) (see Attachment 1, CMM 2015-04).
- 44. The Commission tasked the SC to undertake the work on determination of the designation of North Pacific blue shark as a northern stock, based on the information provided by ISC to SC11. In this regard, the Commission tasked the Scientific Services Provider with analysing the available information and coordinating with ISC if further information is necessary.
- 45. The Commission adopted the NC11 Report.

#### **12.3 – TCC11 report**

## WCPFC IUU list

- 46. The Commission agreed on the importance of strengthening cooperation among all CCMs to actively work together to locate the vessels that are on the WCPFC IUU vessel list, so as to stop their illegal activities. Such cooperation should include, as appropriate and as applicable to each CCM:
  - a. prompt advice to the Commission Secretariat from any Flag State or other CCM who has information on any vessel on the WCPFC IUU list, including its whereabouts and any known change in name or other circumstance. In addition, Port States are requested to take any appropriate action, including, if possible, denial of port entry and services to those vessels.
  - b. greater scrutiny of the individuals and companies that have been involved in IUU fishing, and the sharing of this information between CCMs and RFMOs.
- 47. The Commission tasked the Commission Secretariat to write to the Flag States of the IUU vessels on the WCPFC IUU list, following WCPFC12 and annually in advance of TCC, to identify their last known operations and track their whereabouts and to advise the Commission of any findings.
- 48. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to write a letter to other RFMOs annually in advance of TCC, requesting their cooperation to locate those vessels listed on the WCPFC IUU list as at the date of the annual TCC meeting, and as applicable underlining circumstances when a vessel is listed on other RFMO IUU lists, and for the Secretariat to provide an update to the regular annual session of the Commission on any responses from RFMOs.
- 49. The Commission agreed that English language is to be used in all communications between relevant CCMs regarding alleged IUU activities.

## Recommendations to revise CMMs prioritised by CMS process which were ambiguous or problematic

- 50. The Commission agreed that CMM 2007-01 paragraph 8 should not be assessed for compliance provided that all the individual associated obligations are assessed.
- 51. Due to TCC's inability to assess the obligation in CMM 2013-01, paragraph 28 (yellowfin tuna purse seine catch) until appropriate limits have been formulated and adopted, the Commission agreed that it should not be included as part of the Compliance Monitoring Report assessment.

#### <u>VMS</u>

52. The Commission agreed that by June 30 2016 the Secretariat should publish and maintain through secure CCM WCPFC online systems, that are accessible by authorised CCM users, a list of all RFV vessels WCPFC VMS reporting status. The list will be updated a least once a week, and will be based on the details of vessels as contained in the RFV. The list will confirm those vessels which VTAF details are held by WCPFC and where applicable the date of receipt, date of last update of the list, and date of first VMS report to WCPFC (VTAF activation date), the current VMS reporting channel to the WCPFC VMS (for example WCPFC direct; through FFA; manual reporting or not reporting). (Attachment m).

#### ROP

- 53. The Commission noted that in the proposed changes to the Regional Observer Programme (ROP) Minimum Data Standards and Fields some fields are new, some represent splits of prior fields and some are existing fields with new text, otherwise all other fields remain the same.
- 54. The Commission adopted changes to the Regional Observer Programme (ROP) Minimum Data Standards and Fields as set out in Attachment n.

#### HSBI

55. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to develop an online technical solution to make available to authorized CCM MCS personnel, through secure login, a list of vessels that have been previously inspected under the HSBI scheme specifically, the VID, Vessel Name, IRCS, date of boarding and Name of inspecting member.

#### **CHARTERS**

56. The Commission agreed to extend CMM 2012-05 (Charter Notification Scheme), which expires at the end of 2015, for the next three years (Attachment o, CMM 2015-05).

#### RFV

57. The Commission agreed that all vessels on the RFV shall complete the minimum required fields by 30 June 2016, and instructed the Secretariat to remove any vessels without the minimum required data fields after that date.

#### TIER SCORING/DATA

- 58. The Commission agreed that the tier scoring system adopted at WCPFC11 shall be used to assist in assessing compliance of CCMs for the provision of scientific data in 2016 and following years.
- 59. The Commission tasked SPC with further refining the tier scoring system to provide, among other things, an indicator of compliance of CCMs as a whole with provision of scientific data.
- 60. The Commission agreed to explore the usefulness of using the tier scoring system to assist in the evaluation of compliance with other CMMs, including the possible development of an indicator of overall compliance of each CCM in relation to the totality of agreed WCPFC obligations.

#### IMS

61. The Commission agreed to maintain commitments that will ensure the continued development and enhancement of the Commission Secretariat IMS over the next 2-3 years.

#### **TCC WORKPLAN**

62. The Commission adopted the TCC Workplan 2016-2018 (Attachment p).

#### 12.3.1 - CDS

63. The Commission accepted TCC11s recommendation, the Secretariats proposed modifications to the 2016 Mass Balance Reconciliation tasking and adopted the report of CDS-IWG (WCPFC12-2015-19c) and it proposed 2016 work plan (Attachment q).

#### 12.3.2 - ERandEM-IWG

- 64. The Commission accepted TCC11s recommendation and adopted the ERandEM-IWG report and work plan (WCPFC-TCC11-2015-20).
- 65. The Commission noted that further testing and refinement of the five draft electronic data standards developed in 2015 (WCPFC-TCC11-2015-20, Attachment 5) is required by the ERandEM-IWG.
- 66. The Commission agreed that a master list of electronic data standards shall be maintained by the Secretariat with input from the Scientific Services Provider and any updates shall be notified to CCMs on an annual basis.
- 67. The Commission noted advice from the ERandEM-IWG supported by TCC that a decision to report electronically in future be captured by an amendment to the relevant CMM which also makes reference to the master list.
- 68. The Commission encouraged the development of Electronic Monitoring by CCMs in areas where

data gaps exist such as longline observer coverage and high seas transhipment.

69. The Commission noted that the ERandEM-IWG had recommended it should meet prior to SC12 in 2016.

#### 12.4 - IWG ROP

- 70. The Commission noted the IWG-ROP's recommendations on transshipment issues including amendments to CMM 2009-06, and tasked TCC12 to further consider the proposed amendments to CMM 2009-06 (WCPFC12-2015-21a).
- 71. The Commission adopted the IWG-ROP report including its recommendations, except where otherwise noted herein.
- 72. The Commission agreed that the IWG-ROP would not be tasked to meet in 2016, and thanked the IWG-ROP Chair Ray Clarke (USA) for his leadership of the group.

#### 12.5 - FADMgmtOptions-IWG

- 73. The Commission adopted the report of the first meeting of the FADMgmtOptions-IWG, held 27-28 November 2015 (WCPFC12-2015-22 rev2), and the work plan (Attachment r).
- 74. The Commission agreed that a consultancy should be undertaken early in 2016 to produce a report on options and considerations for Marking and Identification of FADs to be deployed, for consideration at SC12 and TCC12. The consultancy should be based on the draft prospectus (Attachment r) and among other things take into consideration electronic signature and physical marking aspects from the 2016 PNA trial tracking programme and that used in other tuna RFMOs. The consultancy should also provide advice on the feasibility of options of physical marking of the buoy, physical marking of the buoy and the FAD attachment, and electronic identification, along with the costs and benefits of each option. The consultancy should also take into account Attachment E to the report of the first meeting of the FADMgmtOptions-IWG Report.
- 75. The Commission tasked the Secretariat and Scientific Services Provider to work with the FADMgmtOptions-IWG Chair and Vice-Chair to further develop the draft outline of a research plan in 2016, based on Attachment D of the report of the first meeting of the FADMgmtOptions-IWG The draft research plan should be for consideration and input by SC12 and TCC12 before submission to WCPFC13. The draft plan should incorporate some consideration of costs and benefits of various research and data collection activities to assist with prioritizing the work. Consideration should also be given within the plan to addressing both target and non-target species.
- 76. The Commission agreed that vessel operators should provide data on FADs covering the following two major areas:
  - a. FAD design and construction of FAD to be deployed or encountered (materials, electronics, size etc)
  - b. FAD activity (deploying, retrieving, setting, visiting, loss etc).

- 77. The Commission noted the FADMgmtOptions-IWG recommendations related to FAD data which were that
  - (i) the FAD data fields to be reported by vessel operators should be based on the WCPFC ROP Minimum Standard Data Fields and the data fields collected by other RFMOs;
  - (ii) data collected by observers on FADs can be used for verification of FAD activities of vessels;
  - (iii) The FAD data should be provided to the Commission via flag State electronically using appropriate systems such as FAD e-logbooks or information systems such as PNA iFIMS etc
- 78. The Commission agreed that a consultancy be undertaken in early 2016, tasked with producing proposed draft FAD data fields to be reported by vessel operators for consideration at SC12 and TCC12.
- **79.** The Commission agreed that the FADMgmtOptions-IWG should continue in 2016.

## 12.6 - HSW / MOW

- 80. The Commission agreed that there will not be a Management Objectives Workshop/Harvest Strategy Workshop in 2016, and the harvest strategy-related issues will instead be included on the WCPFC13 agenda in 2016. In addition, the Commission directed SC12 to include these discussions under the Management Issues theme agenda item, so that the discussion on harvest strategies, in particular, continues.
- 81. The Commission adopted the report of the Harvest Strategy Workshop (WCPFC12-2015-23) and thanked Ian Cartwright for his work leading the MOW and HSW for the last four years.

## Agenda Item 13 - CMR

82. The Commission adopted the 2015 Final Compliance Monitoring Report. (Attachment s)

## Agenda Item 14 - IUU List

83. The Commission adopted the 2016 WCPFC IUU Vessel List (Attachment t).

## Agenda Item 15 – New proposals

Skipjack Target Reference Point

84. The Commission adopted CMM 2015-06 establishing a TRP for skipjack tuna (Attachment u)

#### Scientific data

- 85. The Commission noted TCC recommendations paragraphs 486 488 which are recommendations from the CMS process to revise the Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission decision, and the corresponding proposal by the European Union (WCPFC12-2015-DP17) (Attachment v).
- 86. The Commission agreed that SC12 should review the elements in Attachment v and provide advice and recommendations.

#### VMS SSPs amendment

87. The Commission agreed to the amendments to the VMS SSPs related to ALC type approval procedures (Attachment w).

## Transhipment

88. Noting paragraph 37 of CMM 2009-06, the Commission tasked the Executive Director to prepare draft guidelines for the determination of circumstances where it is impracticable for certain vessels to tranship in port or in waters under national jurisdiction. TCC12 is tasked to consider these guidelines, and amend as necessary, and recommend them to the Commission for adoption in 2016. The Commission agreed that CMM 2009-06 paragraph 13 should be considered as part of this tasking.

## Harvest Strategy Workplan

89. The Commission adopted the Harvest Strategy Workplan (Attachment x). The Commission tasked the SC with support from the Scientific Service Provider to undertake the activities specified in the agreed workplan.

## **Compliance Monitoring Scheme**

- 90. The Commission adopted CMM 2015-07 Conservation and Management Measure for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (Attachment y).
- 91. Subject to the recommendations from TCC12 (CMM 2015-07, para [26]) a review of the CMS

- will be conducted by an independent panel selected by the Executive Director in consultation with Members at the end of 2017.
- 92. The Commission agreed to the list of obligations to be assessed by CMS in 2016 2018 (Attachment z).
- 93. The Secretariat was tasked with producing an accompanying paper that provides the detail of CMM paragraphs which will be used by the Secretariat to implement the agreed list of obligations to be assessed in dCMR (Attachment z).

## Agenda Item 16 – FAC

94. The Commission adopted the Report of the Ninth Session of the FAC. (WCPFC12-2015-24, Attachment bb), including an eventual Commission budget for 2016 budget of 7,731,994 USD (Attachment cc).

## Agenda Item 17 - Administrative matters

## 17.1 Strategic Plan

95. The Commission approved the review of the WCPFC planning framework and the development of a new Strategic Plan and a new Corporate Plan in accordance with the terms of reference in Attachment dd.

## 17.2 Research projects

#### 17.2.1 ABNJ

96. The Commission noted the report on the ABNJ project.

#### 17.2.2 WPEA

97. The Commission noted the report on the WPEA project.

#### 17.3 Election of officers

- 98. The Commission appointed Paul Callaghan (USA) to continue as Co-Chair of the FAC.
- 99. The Commission appointed Aisake Batibasaga (Fiji) to be Vice-Chair of the Scientific Committee.

#### 17.4 - Future meetings

100. The Commission agreed that:

- SC12 would be held from 3 11 August 2016, in Bali, Indonesia;
- NC12 would be held for 5 days on a date to be confirmed in September 2016 in Japan;
- TCC12 would be held from Wednesday 21 September Tuesday 27 September 2016 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia;
- WCPFC13 would be held from Monday 5 Friday 9 December 2016 in Fiji; and
- FAC10 would be held immediately prior to WCPFC13.
- 101. The Commission also agreed that three intersessional working groups would hold meetings in 2016 as follows:
  - CDS-IWG, which would meet immediately prior to TCC12;
  - FAD Management Options IWG would meet immediately following TCC12; and
  - ERandEM-IWG on dates to be confirmed, preferably prior to SC12.

## Agenda Item 18 – Other Matters

## 18.1 Update on WCPFC VMS

102. The Commission noted WCPFC12-2015-29 on the WCPFC VMS, noting budgetary implications would be considered by FAC9.

## Agenda Item 18 - Close of meeting

# DRAFT LIST OF ATTACHMENTS FOR WCPFC12 DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT (note order and numbering of attachments will change)

Attachment a	WCPFC12 List of Participants
Attachment b	Opening Statement to WCPFC12 by WCPFC Chair, Ms Rhea Moss-Christian
Attachment c	Opening Statement to WCPFC12 by WCPFC Executive Director, Mr Feleti P. Teo OBE
Attachment xx	Opening Statement to WCPFC12 by Minister of Fisheries, Indonesia
Attachment d	WCPFC12 Agenda – as adopted (WCPFC12-2015-02_rev2)
Attachment e	Commission adopted pre-notification process from observer providers to flag CCMs of possible alleged infringements by their vessels and to coastal CCMs of possible alleged infringements occurring in their waters.
Attachment f	Two new WCPFC Minimum Standards of the Regional Observer Programme: "Observer safety at sea" and "Emergency Action Plan"
Attachment g	CMM 2015-01 Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack Tuna ( <i>revises and replaces CMM 2014-01</i> )
Attachment h	CMM 2015-02 Conservation and Management Measure for South Pacific Albacore ( <i>revises and replaces CMM 2010-05</i> )
Attachment i	Tasking for the Secretariat in 2016 to develop a paper that provides guidance on the development and evaluation of management plans for longline fisheries targeting sharks in association with WCPFC fisheries (CMM 2014-05)
Attachment i xx	Guidelines for Safe Release of Encircled Animals including whale sharks
Attachment j	CMM 2015-03 Conservation and Management Measure to Mitigate Impact of Fishing for highly migratory fish stocks on seabirds ( <i>revises and replaces CMM 2012-07</i> )
Attachment k	SC11 recommended stock assessment schedule (SC11 Summary Report Attachment H)
Attachment l	CMM 2015-04 Conservation and Management Measure to establish a multi- annual rebuilding plan for Pacific Bluefin tuna ( <i>revises and replaces CMM</i> 2014-04)
Attachment m	Supporting specifications for tasking that Secretariat publish a list of all RFV vessels WCPFC VMS reporting status
Attachment n	Agreed changes to the Regional Observer Programme (ROP) Minimum Data Standards and Fields
Attachment o	CMM 2015-05 Conservation and Management Measure for the Charter Notification Scheme ( <i>revises and replaces CMM 2012-05</i> )
Attachment p	TCC Workplan 2016-2018
Attachment q	Approved Workplan for CDS-IWG 2015/16 and notes on CCM and Secretariat MBR trial covering 2013 activities
Attachment r	Approved workplan for FAD Mgmt Options IWG and draft prospectus for the consultancy
Attachment s	Final Compliance Monitoring Report for 2014 calendar year, containing Final CMR Obligations by Assessment and CMR Matrix
Attachment t	WCPFC IUU List for 2016
Attachment u	CMM 2015-06 Conservation and Management Measure on a Target Reference Point for WCPO Skipjack Tuna
Attachment v	Proposal by the European Union to amend Scientific Data to be Provided – to be forwarded to SC12 for their review
Attachment w	Updated version of Commission VMS SSPs, incorporating amendments agreed at WCPFC12
Attachment x	Workplan for the adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06

Attachment y	CMM 2015-07 Conservation and Management Measure for Compliance Monitoring Scheme
Attachment z	List of obligations for Compliance Monitoring Report review in 2016 – 2018 and agreed frequency for assessment of CMMs for forward years (DP20_rev2 and 19g_rev1)
Attachment bb	Summary report and recommendations of FAC9, including list of participants (WCPFC11-2014-24)
Attachment cc	Final budget and work programme as agreed by WCPFC12
Attachment dd	Terms of reference for review of WCPFC planning framework

