



**COMMISSION
THIRTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

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5 – 9 December, 2016

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

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AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Chair Ms Rhea Moss-Christian will call the session to order at 9am on Monday 5th December, 2016 and welcome all delegates.

1.1 Welcoming address

The Chair will introduce dignitaries who will address delegates during the official opening and welcoming session.

Following the opening session, the Chair will deal with procedural matters

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The Chair will present the Provisional Agenda for consideration and adoption by the meeting.

1.3 Meeting arrangements

The Chair will clarify the meeting arrangements, including the decisions reached at the Heads of Delegation meeting held the previous day.

1.3.1 Establishment of small working groups (CNMs, CMS, Others)

The Chair will lead a discussion on what small working groups will be required to be established to deal with some of the issues at the margins of the meeting and be brought back to plenary for decision.

AGENDA ITEM 2. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director, as required by rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission, will present his Annual Report for 2016.

¹ The original provisional annotated agenda was issued on 12th October 2016. Rev 1 includes Agenda 8.7, and corrects some editorials.

AGENDA ITEM 3. STATEMENTS FROM MEMBERS AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES

Representatives of Members or Participating Territories who wish to make general statements may do so, but in keeping with past practices those that have written statements are encouraged to table statements for distribution.

AGENDA ITEM 4. MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPLICATIONS

4.1 Status of the Convention

New Zealand as the Depository of the WCPFC Convention will provide an update on the status of the Convention.

4.2 Update on Observer status

The Commission will be informed of any applications for observer status and those observers that had been invited out of session to participate in this session of the Commission.

4.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member status

The Commission will consider and decide on applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2017 in accordance with CMM 2009-11.

4.3.1 Participatory rights of CNMs

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

AGENDA ITEM 5. NEW PROPOSALS

CCMs that have tabled new proposals will be asked to present for discussion and decision their proposals. Proposals that address matters more appropriately covered and discussed under other agenda items will be presented under those agenda items. For proposals requiring additional work with a view to their adoption at WCPFC13, informal discussions will be organized for progressing the proposal throughout the meeting, as appropriate. This Agenda Item will be held open pending any ongoing discussions that may be required after the initial introduction of the proposal.

AGENDA ITEM 6. INTRODUCTION OF THE IUU VESSELS LIST RECOMMENDATIONS

The TCC12 recommendations relating to the WCPFC IUU Vessel List will be introduced for initial discussion then the Commission will determine the process to continue their further discussion at the margins of the meeting before they are brought back to plenary for final decision under agenda item 13.

AGENDA ITEM 7. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES

This is a standing agenda item by virtue of rule 2 (h) of the Rules of Procedures.

7.1 Updated checklist evaluation of SIDS special requirements (FFA)

The FFA will update the Commission on the checklist evaluation of the SIDS special requirements.

7.2 CCM reports on the implementation of Article 30

CCMs will be requested to report on their initiatives to implement Article 30 of the WCPFC Convention that recognizes the special requirements of developing states. Such initiatives should also be reported in Part 2 of the CCMs' Annual Reports to the Commission.

7.3 Review of implementation of CMM 2013-07 (Paragraph 20)

In accordance with paragraph 20 of CMM 2013-07, the Commission shall review annually the progress in the implementation of the Convention and the said CMM.

AGENDA ITEM 8. HARVEST STRATEGY

Discussion will focus on elements of the Agreed Work Plan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06 earmarked for decision in 2016 (WCPFC12 Summary Report, Attachment Y).

8.1 Management objectives (all species)

The Commission is required under the Work Plan to record the management objectives for the four species covered under the Work Plan. Draft Management Objectives were circulated to all CCMs and Observers on 15 July 2016 through Circular No. 2016/34. The Draft Management Objectives originate from outcomes of the Management Options Workshops and were accepted by WCPFC11.

8.2 Acceptable levels of risk (all species)

The Commission is required under the Work Plan to consider and agree acceptable levels of risk for the four species covered under the Work Plan. Discussions will begin in plenary session and be moved to an informal small working group, as needed.

8.3 Rebuilding timelines (bigeye)

The Commission is required under the Work Plan to consider and agree to timelines to rebuild the bigeye stock to the limit reference point. Discussions will begin in plenary session and be moved to an informal small working group, as needed.

8.4 Target reference point (SP Albacore)

The Commission is required to consider a target reference point for SP Albacore. Discussions will begin in plenary session and be moved to an informal small working group, as needed.

8.5 Harvest control rules (SP albacore and skipjack)

The Commission is required under the Work Plan to consider and agree harvest control rules for SP Albacore and skipjack. Discussions will begin in plenary session and be moved to an informal small working group, as needed.

8.6 Management strategy evaluation (SP albacore and skipjack)

The Commission is required under the Work Plan to consider management strategy evaluation for SP Albacore and skipjack. Discussions will begin in plenary session and be moved to an informal small working group, as needed.

8.7 Monitoring strategy (SP Albacore and skipjack)

The Commission is required under the Work Plan to agree monitoring strategies for SP Albacore and skipjack to assess performance against reference points. Discussions will begin in plenary session and may be moved to an informal small working group, as needed.

8.8 Review of Work Plan

The Work Plan as required must be reviewed by the Commission annually.

AGENDA ITEM 9. WCPO TUNA STOCKS

Relevant outcomes from subsidiary bodies, intersessional working groups and other relevant information to this agenda item and sub-items will be presented with a view to facilitating their discussions.

9.1 General overview of stock status (bigeye, Pacific bluefin tuna, skipjack, NP Albacore SP albacore and yellowfin)

Presentations on the status of the tuna stocks in the WCPO will be provided to set the scene for the discussions of this agenda items.

9.2 Review of CMM 2015-01 (Bigeye, skipjack, yellowfin)

The review of this CMM will be confined to its provisions that require decision for its continued operation in its final year in 2017.

9.2.1 Review paragraphs 18, 25, 26, 28, 40, 43, and 61

These are the provisions of CMM 2015-01 identified to require the Commission's consideration for its continued operation in 2017.

9.2.2 New proposals

CCMs that may have proposal to refine and amend CMM 2015-01 may present those proposals for discussion and decision.

9.3 Review of CMM 2015-02 (SP Albacore)

CCMs may raise any issue for discussion relating to CMM 2015-02.

9.3.1 New proposals

CCMs who have proposals to refine and amend CMM 2015-02 may present those proposals for discussion and decision.

9.4 Review of CMM 2005-03 (NP Albacore)

CCMs may raise any issue for discussion relating to CMM 2005-03.

9.5 Review of CMM 2015-04 (Pacific Bluefin Tuna)

CCMs may raise any issue for discussion relating to CMM 2015-04.

9.6 Bridging Tropical Tuna CMM

The Chair will present a revised Bridging Tropical Tuna CMM for discussion and consultation purposes. The bridging measure is intended as the successor CMM for the current Tropical Tuna CMM which will lapse at end of 2017. CCMs will agree a process for progressing a CMM for finalization at WCPFC14 in December, 2017.

AGENDA ITEM 10. BYCATCH MITIGATION

Relevant outcomes from subsidiary bodies, intersessional working groups and other relevant information to this agenda and sub-items will be presented with a view to facilitating their discussions.

10.1 Sharks

10.1.1 Review of CMM 2010-07 and CMM 2014-05

CCMs may raise any issue for discussion relating to CMM 2010-07 and CMM 2014-05.

10.1.2 New proposals

CCMs who may have proposal to refine and amend CMM 2010-07 and CMM 2014-05 may present those proposals for discussion and decision.

10.2 Seabirds

10.2.1 Review of CMM 2012-07

CCMs may raise any issue for discussion relating to CMM 2012-07.

10.2.2 New proposals

CCMs who may have proposal to refine and amend CMM 2012-07 may present those proposals for discussion and decision.

10.3 Others

CCMs that may have other issues to raise under this agenda may do so.

AGENDA ITEM 11. ADOPTION OF REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES, INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUPS AND OTHER WORKSHOPS

The reports of the subsidiary bodies and intersessional working groups will be taken as read and will not be presented. A synopsis of the relevant recommendations of each report for the Commission's consideration will be provided for formal decision.

The Commission will consider the recommendations of the subsidiary bodies and working groups that have not been addressed under other agenda items.

11.1 SC12

The Commission will consider and decide on the recommendations of the SC12.

11.2 NC12

The Commission will consider and decide on the recommendations of the NC12.

11.3 TCC12

The Commission will consider and decide on the recommendations of the TCC12.

11.3.1 CDS – IWG

The Commission will consider and decide on the recommendations of the CDS-IWG.

11.3.2 ER/EM – IWG

The Commission will consider and decide on the recommendations of ER/EM - IWG.

11.4 FAD Management Options – IWG

The Commission will consider and decide on the recommendations of the FAD Management Options – IWG.

AGENDA ITEM 12. ADOPTION OF FINAL COMPLIANCE MONITORING REPORT

The Commission will consider and decide for adoption the Final Compliance Monitoring Report.

AGENDA ITEM 13. ADOPTION OF 2017 IUU VESSEL LIST

The Commission will consider and decide for adoption the WCPFC 2017 IUU Vessel List.

AGENDA ITEM 14. REPORT OF THE TENTH FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

14.1 Report of the Tenth Finance and Administration Committee

The Commission will consider for adoption the report of the 10th Finance and Administration Committee.

14.2 Budget approval for 2017 and indicative budgets for 2018 and 2019

The Commission will consider for adoption the Budget for 2017 and indicative budgets for 2018 and 2019.

AGENDA ITEM 15. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

15.1 Strategic Plan

The Commission will consider the draft Strategic Plan and Corporate Plan for the Commission and its Secretariat.

15.2 Participation of Observers

As required by the Commission the Secretariat will present a discussion paper on issues pertaining to the participation of Observers in meetings and activities of the Commission.

15.3 Memorandum of Cooperation with CCSBT

The Commission will consider for decision two proposed draft Memorandum of Cooperation with the Commission for Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT).

15.4 Research projects

15.4.1 ABNJ Project

The Commission will receive an update report on the ABNJ project.

15.4.2 WPEA Project

The Commission will receive and update report on the WPEA project.

15.5 Election of officers

The Commission will consider the appointment of the following officers:

- i) Commission Chair;
- ii) Commission Vice Chair;
- iii) SC Chair;
- iv) NC Chair;
- v) NC Vice Chair
- vi) TCC Chair;
- vii) TCC Vice Chair;
- viii) FAC Co-Chair.

15.6 Future meetings

The Commission will decide on the venue and dates of the following meetings:

- i) SC13;
- ii) NC13;
- iii) TCC13; and
- iv) FAC11 and WCPFC14.

AGENDA ITEM 16. OTHER MATTERS

The Commission will consider any other matters.

AGENDA ITEM 17. SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WCPFC13

The Commission will consider and decide on the process to adopt the Summary Report of its Thirteenth Regular Session. The past practice has been for the Commission to adopt its decisions in the form of an Outcome Document and adopt its Summary Report out of session.

AGENDA ITEM 18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting is scheduled to close at 5pm on Friday 9th December, 2016.