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**REFERENCE PAPER FOR TCC12 RECOMMENDATIONS**

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**Paper by Secretariat**

**A. Introduction**

1. The purpose of this paper is to provide as a quick reference guide to the recommendations of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC12) of relevance to WCPFC13 discussions. A copy of the full TCC12 Summary Report is provided as **WCPFC-2016-TCC12**.

**B. TCC12 Recommendations for WCPFC13 decision**

2. The relevant recommendations of the TCC12 for WCPFC13 decision with appropriate referencing, are listed below:

***Earlier submission date for Annual Report Part 1 and Part 2***

- i) TCC12 recommended that WCPFC13 consider an earlier submission date for Annual Report Part 1 and Part 2 (TCC12 para 27).

***Extend VMS Manual Position Reporting Requirements***

- ii) TCC12 noted that WCPFC11 extended the VMS manual position reporting requirements (the WCPFC9 agreed amendments to the VMS SSPs Section 5) for two years and will expire on 1 March 2017. TCC12 recommended extending this requirement for a further two years while work continues on the development of mechanisms of electronic submissions of manual reports. (TCC12 para 201). **WCPFC13-2016-27**

***High seas Transshipment***

- iii) TCC12 recommended that WCPFC13 task the Secretariat to work closely with ROP observer programmes to better support the activities, including training and safety, of high seas transshipment observers, including through the use of electronic tools. (TCC12 para 274).

***Update TCC Workplan 2016 - 2018***

- iv) TCC12 recommended that the TCC Workplan include the further development of protocols, observer data forms including electronic forms and the database, as needed, to better monitor transshipments at sea, particularly in the high seas. (TCC12 para 275). **WCPFC13-2016-25**

- v) TCC12 recommended to WCPFC13 that the TCC Workplan for 2016-2018 be modified to add the “development, improvement and implementation of the Commission’s measures for observer safety and related issues” to the priority project specific tasks. (TCC12 para 448). **WCPFC13-2016-25**

***Tiered Scoring system for evaluating compliance with provision of scientific data to the Commission***

- vi) TCC12 recommended to WCPFC13 that the Commission continues to use the tiered scoring system for evaluating compliance with provision of scientific data to the Commission (TCC12 para 317).

***Proposal for amendments of “Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission”***

- vii) TCC12 recommended that WCPFC13 consider the attached proposal to amend the ‘Scientific Data to be Provided to the Commission’. (TCC12 para 317, Attachment E).

***Proposal to extend trial WCPFC port coordinators programme 2015-2016***

- viii) TCC12 noted the utility of the trial port coordinators programme and recommends to WCPFC13 the extension of the programme and the expansion to other ports in the WCPO where appropriate. (TCC12 para 179) **WCPFC13-2016-26**
- ix) TCC12 recommended that WCPFC13 identify an appropriate funding source for the continuation of this programme. (TCC12 para 181)

***Applications for Cooperating Non-Member Status***

- x) TCC12 has reviewed the following CNM applications and is forwarding them to WCPFC13 for consideration: Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Mexico, Panama, Thailand, and Vietnam. (TCC12 para 55a) **WCPFC13-2016-08**
- xi) TCC12 noted the CNM working group process occurred in parallel with the compliance monitoring scheme process and recommended that following TCC12, in consultation with SPC, the Secretariat write a particularised letter to CNMs outlining any identified deficiencies in data provision and request that CNM applicants provide any information outlined in these letters, as requested during the CMS process, 30 days in advance of WCPFC13, and that these letters and any responses be assessed by WCPFC13. (TCC12 para 55d)
- xii) TCC12 recommended that WCPFC13 take into consideration the Compliance Status of all CNM applicants in making its decision on the CNM applications and participatory rights (TCC12 para 55e)
- xiii) TCC12 notes that during the SWG three CNM applicants (Ecuador, El Salvador and Vietnam) have reiterated interest in becoming full Commission members and that WCPFC13 consider whether to invite them to become members. El Salvador has made its request in a formal letter to the WCPFC Secretariat. (TCC12 para 55h)
- xiv) TCC12 recommended that the template for CNM applications be amended to include a field to indicate whether the CNM wishes to become a full Commission member. (TCC12 para 55i)

***WCPFC IUU Vessel List***

- xv) TCC12 agreed to recommend to WCPFC13 that the **NEPTUNE** should remain on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List. (TCC12 para 33)
- xvi) TCC12 agreed to recommend to WCPFC13 that the **FU LIEN No.1** should remain on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List. (TCC12 para 34)
- xvii) TCC12 agreed to recommend to WCPFC13 that the **YU FONG 168** should remain on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List. (TCC12 para 35)

- xviii) TCC12 recommended that the Secretariat include the names of the vessel masters, if available, into the WCPFC IUU Vessel List. (*TCC12 para 43*)
- xix) TCC12 agreed to include the fishing vessel **ESSIEN 108** on the Provisional WCPFC IUU Vessel List, and noted that negotiations between the Cook Islands and Vanuatu to resolve this case are still ongoing. (*TCC12 para 49*)
- xx) With respect to the Provisional WCPFC IUU Vessel List, all vessels contained in WCPFC-TCC12-2016-08 were reviewed. A Provisional WCPFC IUU Vessel List is attached as Attachment D. (*TCC12 para 50, Attachment D*) **WCPFC13-2016-10**

***Review of CMM 2015-01 (skipjack, yellowfin, and bigeye)***

- xxi) TCC12 taking note of WCPFC-SC12-2016-MI-IP-06 rev\_2 “Bigeye tuna catch by gear and flag, 2010-2015” confirmed that the EU purse-seine fleet has reached and exceeded in 2015 the 55% reduction target from 2010-2012 levels of bigeye tuna catch. TCC12 recommended that the provisions of footnote 5 of CMM 2015-01 para 18 applies for the EU purse-seine fleet in 2017. (*TCC12 para 369*)
- xxii) TCC12 recommended that the provisions of footnote 5 of CMM 2015-01 para. 18 also applies for the purse seine fleets of Ecuador, El Salvador, Marshall Islands, New Zealand, Solomon Islands, Tuvalu and Vanuatu in 2017. (*TCC12 para 370*)
- xxiii) TCC12 strongly encouraged that any fleet fishing under the provisions of this footnote will ensure that the catch of bigeye tuna in 2017 will not exceed the level of 55% reduction from 2010-2012 levels. (*TCC12 para 371*)

***Review of CMM 2010-07 and CMM 2014-05 (Sharks)***

- xxiv) TCC12, taking note of WCPFC-TCC12-2016-25 “Clarification of Process for Designating WCPFC Key Shark Species for Data Provision and Assessment” recommended that WCPFC13 and SC13 note that TCC12 agreed that:
  - a. the WCPFC “Process for Designating Key Shark Species for Data Provision and Assessment” provides a process for species to be designated for assessment only;
  - b. the designation of a shark species as a WCPFC “key shark species for assessment”:
    1. does not involve any change in the reporting requirements and logsheets of CCMs;
    2. results in its listing under the Shark Research Plan, noting that data gaps may preclude a traditional stock assessment approach. (*TCC12 para 357*)
- xxv) TCC12 recommended that:
  - a. WCPFC13 recognise that it is not possible for TCC to assess compliance related to the application of the 5% ratio prescribed in para. 7 of CMM 2010-07;
  - b. WCPFC13 consider means to strengthen CMM 2010-07 with respect to ensuring compliance with the obligation in paragraph 6; and
  - c. WCPFC13 agree that CCMs provide detailed information relating to their implementation of the full utilization requirement in para 6 of CMM 2010-07 in their AR-Part 2 and if applicable, provide detailed information on why it would be impracticable to implement fins naturally attached as a demonstration of full utilization of sharks. (*TCC12 para 391*)
- xxvi) TCC12 taking note of SC12 recommendation (draft summary report 737 and 738) and TCC12-2016-19 “Elaboration of technical details regarding shark targeting and shark management plans for CMM 2014-05” recommended that:

- a. WCPFC13 adopt the template developed in Annex E of TCC12-2016-19 for the development of future shark management plans under CMM 2014-05 (Attachment F of TCC12 Summary Report) ;
- b. WCPFC13 agree to continue working towards a common definition of a longline fishery targeting sharks; and
- c. WCPFC13 task SC to continue working toward the evaluation of the impacts of shark management plans on the conservation status of WCPFC shark stocks. (TCC12 para 405, Attachment F)

***Provisional CMR report***

- xxvii) TCC12 recommended to WCPFC13 the Provisional CMR for its consideration and final assessment. (TCC12 para 87)

***Memorandum of cooperation with CCSBT***

- xxviii) TCC12 recommended to WCPFC13 that it consider the proposed MoC with the CCSBT on data exchange, as amended, and the proposed MoC with the CCSBT on transshipment. (TCC12 para 87, Attachment G) **WCPFC13-2016-34**

***Election of Officers***

- xxix) TCC12 agreed to recommend that **Ms Alexa Cole** be reappointed as TCC Chair for another two year term. (TCC12 para 464)
- xxx) TCC12 agreed to recommend that **Mr Monte Depaune** is appointed as TCC Vice Chair for a two year term. (TCC12 para 465)

***Next Meeting***

- xxxii) TCC12 agreed to recommend that TCC13 be held in Pohnpei, from **Wed 27 Sept – Tues 3 October 2017**. (TCC12 para 466)

**C. CDS-IWG03-related recommendations**

- 3. The relevant recommendations of the TCC12 for WCPFC13 decision relating to the report of the CDS-IWG3 meeting with appropriate referencing, are listed below:
  - i) TCC12 noted the draft summary report of CDS-IWG03 from the CDS-IWG Chair. (TCC12 para 333). **WCPFC-TCC12-2016-24\_rev1**

**D. ERandEM-IWG02-related recommendations**

- 4. The relevant recommendations of the TCC12 for WCPFC13 decision relating to the report of the ERandEM-IWG02 meeting with appropriate referencing, are listed below:
  - i) TCC12 noted and endorsed the recommendations from the ERandEM Working Group second meeting in August 2016 and noted the SC12 discussions in regard to the work of the ERandEM WG. (TCC12 para 327) **WCPFC-TCC12-2016-17**
  - ii) Taking into account any comments provided by CCMs, TCC12 recommended that WCPFC13 consider adopting the proposed E-reporting standards for operational catch and effort data and observer data, and that the standards be maintained and updated by the Secretariat as a result of

decisions by the Commission and the revised version published on the WCPFC website. (TCC12 para 329) **WCPFC13-2016-28**

- iii) TCC12 recommended that the ERandEM WG continue its work under the same terms of reference for another two years. (TCC12 para 330)

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