

Chair's Proposal

An informal small group met on 6 December 2016 to discuss the interpretation of Footnote 5 to Paragraph 18 of CMM 2015-01. The discussion took place in the context of the EU's proposal set out in WCPFC-2016-DP01.

The informal small group discussed the meaning of the footnote and the intention of the Commission at the time it was drafted. In light of that discussion, the following is a proposed amendment to Footnote 5 of CMM 2015-01, taking into account the EU proposal.

1. Footnote 5 of Paragraph 18 of CMM 2016-01 is replaced by the following text:

“The high seas FAD closure in paragraph 18 does not apply in 2017 to a CCM that has achieved a verifiable reduction in bigeye catches by its purse seine vessels **in 2015 of 45%**, to 55% ~~from of~~ ~~current levels (2010-2012 catch levels.), to be reviewed on the basis of the advice of the Scientific Committee.~~ **A CCM that has qualified for the exemption from paragraph 18, shall maintain the verifiable reduction of purse seine catches of 45% from 2010-2012 levels in the course of 2017.** The measures that the Philippines will take are in Attachment C.”