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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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7 February 2012**

**AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING**

The Session will open at 09:00 on Monday, 26 March 2012.

The Commission Chair Dr Charles Karnella will welcome delegates from WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs), Observers, IGOs and NGOs.

**1.1 Welcoming addresses**

The dignitaries from the Guam will provide a welcoming address.

Following the opening ceremony, the Chair will deal with procedural matters of the Session.

**1.2 Adoption of agenda**

The provisional agenda for WCPFC8 was prepared and distributed on 3 September 2011 in accordance with Rule 1 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure. In accordance with Rule 3, Members may propose supplementary items up until 30 days before the meeting (5 November 2011). The provisional agenda was updated on 15 October 2010 as a result of comments received. The Commission will be asked how it wishes to deal with supplementary items, if any.

**1.3 Meeting arrangements**

The Commission will review the Indicative Schedule. The Chair will outline any logistical and administrative arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social engagements.

**1.4 Action Items from WCPFC7**

The Executive Director will report the progress of action items arising from WCPFC7 for the Commission's further consideration and direction.

## **AGENDA ITEM 2. MEMBERSHIP**

### **2.1 Status of the Convention**

The Commission will receive a brief report from New Zealand on the status of the Convention.

### **2.2 Applications for Observer status**

In accordance with Rule 36 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Commission will be advised of any applications for observer status that were received from non-government organisations 50 days in advance of the Session (16 October 2011). The Commission will be advised of those observers that were subsequently invited to participate in the Session.

### **2.3 Applications for cooperating Non-Members status**

The Commission will consider applications for cooperating Non-Member (CNM) received during 2011. The advice and recommendations of the TCC7 in relation to applications received, considered on the basis of procedures provided for in CMM 2009-11 will be available to the Commission. The Commission is invited to discuss the Draft Schedule of CNM Contributions developed by the Secretariat.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3. ANNUAL REPORTS**

### **3.1 Annual reports by the CCMs**

Article 23 and Article 32 require CCMs to report on implementation of the Convention and any CMMs or other matters which may be agreed from time to time. If not already done so (in the form of Part 1 reports submitted to the Scientific Committee (SC) and Part 2 reports submitted to the TCC), hard copy and/or electronic version reports should be forwarded to the Executive Director at least 30 days in advance of WCPFC8 in the format agreed by the Commission. The Chair may invite each CCM to provide a brief summary of the key issues of their Annual Report to the meeting.

### **3.2 Statements of Non-Members**

Non-Members are invited to supply similar reports as described under Agenda Item 3.1 for vessels and fishing activities in the Convention Area for which they are responsible. Hard copy and/or electronic versions of this report should be forwarded to the Executive Director at least 30 days in advance of the Seventh Regular Session of the Commission (WCPFC8). The Chair may invite Non-Members to provide a brief summary of key issues of their report to the meeting.

### **3.3 Special requirements of developing states**

CCMs are requested to report on the implementation of Article 30 of the Convention. In accordance with Article 30 of the Convention and recommendations and advice of its subsidiary bodies, the Commission is invited to consider means for assisting developing States, participating territories and possessions build capacity in relation to the conservation and management of highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4 COMMISSION REVIEW**

### **4.1 Review of the WCPFC.**

Professor Fabio Hazin will present to the Commission the initial finding from the Performance Review of the WCPFC provided by the panel. The Chair will then open the floor for discussion on the issue and suggestions on progress.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5 COST RECOVERY REVIEW**

### **5.1 Cost Optimization of the Commission Operations**

Nick Wyatt (NZ) the lead consultant will present the findings from the Cost Recovery Review. The Chair will then open the floor for questions and suggestions on progress.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6. SCIENCE ISSUES**

### **6.1 Report of the Seventh Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC)**

The Chair of the SC, Mr Naozumi Miyabe (Japan), will provide a summary of the outcomes of the Sixth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC7) which was held 9-17 August, 2011 at Palikir Pohnpei FSM.

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the SC7, seek additional clarification, request additional scientific advice as necessary, and determine a program of action to implement agreed responses to the scientific advice and recommendations received.

#### **6.1.1 Stock status of key tuna species**

The Science Service Provider will present the results of bigeye and skipjack tuna stock assessments and evaluation of CMM-2008-01 for the Commissions consideration and revision

#### **6.1.2 Science Committee Recommendations and Management Advice**

The Chair will review the recommendations and SC advice on the key species for the WCPFC

#### **6.1.3 Management issues**

The Chair will present advice on the management issues from the SC meeting. Further, the Secretariat shall present the Terms of Reference for the Management Objectives workshop, proposed to be held in Pohnpei at a time to be set early in 2012.

#### **6.1.4 Ecosystem and by-catch issues**

The Chair will present the advice relating to ecosystem and by-catch considerations from SC7.

#### **6.1.5 Data issues**

The Chair will present the SC7 considerations on data gaps, ROP and WPEA from the SC7 for discussion.

### **6.1.6 Review of MOU WCPFC/ISP**

The Secretariat has been tasked to review the MOU between WCPFC and ISP. A proposed revised MOU was rejected by the Northern Commission and ISP, consequently WCPFC8 is invited to re-consider the amended MOU.

## **6.2 Program of work for the Scientific Committee for 2012-2014**

The SC Chair will present a proposed work programme and budget for scientific services and scientific research for 2012 and an indicative budget for 2013 and 2014.

The Commission will consider the 2012-2014 SC work programme for adoption. The Commission may refer to the advice and recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) in relation to budget considerations.

## **6.3 Kobe 3 Workshop Recommendations on Science and Bycatch.**

Members are invited to consider the recommendations for the Kobe 3 meeting and the initial By-catch working group and decide how they wish to have these recommendations progressed within the WCPFC.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7. NORTHERN COMMITTEE**

### **7.1 Report of the Seventh Regular Session of the Northern Committee**

The Chair of the NC, Mr Masanori Miyahara (Japan), will present a summary of the outcomes of the NC7 which was held 6-9 September, 2011 at Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan. The Chair will report on the NC's response to requests from the Commission on CMMs and present the advice and recommendations of the NC7 to the Commission in respect of northern stocks (Pacific bluefin tuna, North Pacific albacore, North Pacific Swordfish, North Pacific Striped marlin).

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the NC7, seek additional clarification, request additional scientific and management advice as necessary, and determine a programme of action to formulate and implement CMMs in respect of the northern stocks.

### **6.2 Future work program of work for the Northern Committee 2012-2014**

The NC Chair will present a proposed work programme and budget for 2012-2014. The Commission is invited to identify items with implications for the Commission's work programme and budget during the presentation.

The Commission will consider the 2012-2014 NC work program for adoption. The Commission may refer to the advice and recommendations of the FAC in relation to budget considerations, noting that costs associated with the NC work program in respect to northern stocks is supported by the NC Members.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8. TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

### **8.1 Report of the Seventh Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee**

The Chair of the TCC, Mr Noan Pakop (Papua New Guinea), will present a summary of the outcomes of the Seventh Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC7) which was held 28 September - 4 October, 2011 at Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia. The Chair will report on the TCC's response to requests from the Commission in relation to the implementation of CMMs and present the advice and recommendations of the TCC to the Commission in matters relating to the functions of the TCC. Three update papers are presented for the information of the Commission, the first being the receipt of Annual reports Part 1 and Part 2 intersessionally, and the second being the update on the CCMs compliance with CMMs with respect to their reporting and the third being the initial Compliance with Conservation measures report in response to 2010-03.

## **8.2 Proposed WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2012**

As there are no new vessels to be listed, hence no Provisional IUU Vessel List, it remains for the Commission to review the Proposed IUU Vessel list from TCC7 with the proposal for removal of the Panamanian flagged vessel *Senta*.

## **8.3 Compliance with Conservation measures**

Members will consider the initial report from the Secretariat and from TCC7 that responds to CMM 2010-03. The Commission will need to provide guidance on the finalization of the report, streamlining of the Part 1 and 2 annual reports and on the continuation of 2010-03.

## **8.4 Catch Attribution**

The Chair will introduce the Catch Attribution study and ask members for comment and direction on how to progress the report.

## **8.5 Regional Observer Program**

The Secretariat will outline progress and development of the Regional Observer Program and in particular the audit process. The Commission will consider the Draft TOR for a ROP Technical Advisory Group. The Commission is invited to discuss how to improve the ROP and costs as we move forward with the program.

## **8.6 Vessel Monitoring System**

The Secretariat will provide an assessment of the performance and challenges with the VMS system. The Chair will present the outcomes of the Joint VMS Review. The Commission is invited to discuss improvements to the VMS systems as we move forward into the future.

## **8.7 Record of Fishing Vessel SSPs**

The Commission is invited to consider amendments to the SSPs.

## **8.8 NZ Transshipment approval**

NZ is seeking approval to continue to transship in its own EEZ with its own domestic vessels. This application is a continuation of an existing arrangement and will need to be decided by the Commission.

## **8.9 Kobe 3 Outcomes: Capacity and IUU Listings**

The Commission is invited to consider the Kobe 3 recommendations and decide how they would like them to be progressed in the WCPFC.

#### **8.10 Program of work for the TCC for 2012-2014**

The TCC Chair will present a proposed work programme and budget for 2012 and an indicative budget for 2013 and 2014.

The Commission will consider the 2012-2014 TCC work programme for adoption. The Commission may refer to the advice and recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) in relation to budget considerations.

#### **8.11 Te Vaka Moana and Tonga Request for a paper on the Albacore Fishery**

The SPC and Secretariat have responded to the request from Te Vaka Moana and Tonga and the Commission is invited to consider the paper WCPFC8-2011-IP/01.

### **AGENDA ITEM 9. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

#### **9.1 New CMMs For Consideration At This Meeting**

The Chair will go through the list of proposed CMMs and take any others that CCMs may have.

#### **9.2 Consideration of new measures and other conservation requirements.**

There are eight potential new measures for consideration by the Commission and discussion will determine if they are progressed to be new CMM's at this meeting.

#### **9.3 Review of CMMs**

The Commission is invited to consider the implementation and any proposed refinements to the existing CMMs and Resolutions noting the list of CMMs raised at TCC7, in light of advice and recommendations from its subsidiary bodies and experience gained by Members and by the Secretariat in implementing Measures during 2011.

#### **9.4 Report by PNA Members on the implementation of the Vessel Day Scheme**

WCPFC4 (paragraph 325) noted that the Vessel Day Scheme (VDS) was operational and that the VDS is the measure adopted by PNA Members of the Commission for managing capacity and fishing effort in the EEZs of PNA Members. It was agreed that the PNA would provide a report to the Commission on the implementation of the VDS at each annual session of the Commission.

### **AGENDA ITEM 10. AD HOC TASK GROUP – DATA**

Papers have been submitted on data access by Chartering states and these will be considered by the Commission.

## **AGENDA ITEM 11 ANNUAL REPORT ON THE WORK OF THE COMMISSION**

The Chair will invite the Executive Director to present the annual report on the work of the Commission for the 2011 calendar year and to highlight future work and budget issues for the Secretariat and the Commission. The Commission will discuss inter-sessional activities of the Commission and future work for the Secretariat. Further, the Chair will invite the Executive Director to report on his meetings with IATTC on the management options for the WCPFC/IATTC overlap area.

## **AGENDA ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

The FAC Co Chairs Mr Charleston Deiye (Nauru) and Mr Liu Xiaobing (China) will present a summary of the agenda items and issues, advice and recommendations considered at the Fourth Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC4), 26-30 March 2012 for further consideration, refinement as necessary and adoption by WCPFC8. A Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda for this meeting are available on the WCPFC website.

### **12.1 Adoption of the Budget and Work plan.**

The Commission must formally adopt the budget and work plan for the Commission.

## **AGENDA ITEM 13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

### **12.1 Election of officers**

The Commission may consider the selection of:  
Chair of the TCC

### **12.2 Next meeting**

WCPFC8 will consider a venue and dates for its next regular session in 2012 and confirm arrangements for the TCC, SC and Management Options Workshop in 2012.

## **AGENDA ITEM 13. OTHER MATTERS**

The Commission will consider any other matters raised throughout the meeting and not resolved.

## **AGENDA ITEM 14. SUMMARY REPORT**

The Commission will adopt a Summary Report of its Eighth Regular Session.

## **AGENDA ITEM 15. CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting is scheduled to close at 1700 on Friday, 30 March 2012.