

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

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Update on Venue for the Intersessional Meeting to Progress the Draft Bridging CMM on Tropical Tuna

Dear All.

Further to Circular No 2017/07 of 10th February, 2017 and Circular No 2017/14 of 2nd March 2017, I wish to advise that the venue for the Intersessional Meeting to Progress the Draft Bridging CMM on Tropical Tuna in Honolulu, Hawaii will be at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa. The host for the meeting has provided information (attached) regarding room rates both at this hotel and other hotels in the area.

As usual, the Commission will provide support to assist the participation of one formally nominated representative from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission in the form of a daily subsistence allowance (DSA) and best economy airfare utilizing the most direct economical route available. Such developing country and participating territory should submit nominations to the Secretariat's Finance and Administration Manager, Aaron Nighswander (Aaron.Nighswander@wcpfc.int) strictly by **Thursday 20 July 2017**. Late changes to booking are unlikely to be accommodated as they add significantly to the cost of bookings.

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Yours sincerely,

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### **Meeting Venue and Accommodations**

The following hotels are holding special conference rates for the WCPFC Intercessional Meeting



# Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa (Meeting Venue) 2005 Kalia Rd, Honolulu, HI 96815

Resort View Room: \$177 (\$238.36 inclusive of taxes and resort fees)

Overnight Parking is \$18 daily for self-park; \$42 valet daily.

Please go to the following link to make your reservations, or call 808-949-4321 (direct) or toll-free (800) 774-1500.

Go online to: <a href="http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/H/HNLHVHH-ARJ-20170818/index.jhtml">http://www.hilton.com/en/hi/groups/personalized/H/HNLHVHH-ARJ-20170818/index.jhtml</a> Cut-off date to make reservations is July 1, 2017 or until sold out.

Accommodations are also available are the following Aqua Hotel properties at conference rates (see attached map for locations)



#### Aqua Pagoda Hotel

**1525 Rycroft St, Honolulu, HI 96814** (1.3 miles, 10 min ♠, 25 min ♠ to Hilton) Moderate: \$127 (\$158.34 inclusive of taxes and fees) Parking is additional \$10 daily.



#### Aqua Palms Waikiki

**1850 Ala Moana Blvd, Honolulu, HI 96815** (0.2 miles, 5 min f to Hilton) City View: \$129 (\$165.86 inclusive of taxes and fees) Parking is additional \$25 daily.

<u>Aqua Hotel Reservations</u>: To make a reservation call the toll-free number (1-866-406-2782) or make reservations on line using the GROUP CODE: **FISH** 

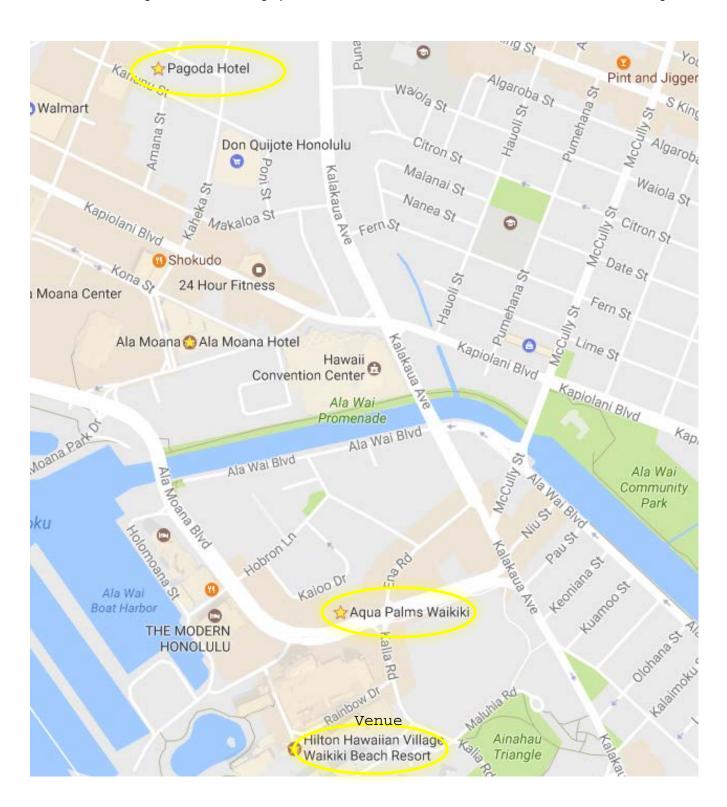
Go online to: http://www.aguaresorts.com/

Cut-off date to make reservations is July 1, 2017 or until sold out.

All Hilton and Aqua room rates quoted above are for single or double occupancy, extra person/rollaway charges apply. Guests will be responsible for their own reservations and payments. A credit card deposit equal to 1 night room and tax will be due at time of booking to hold the room. This deposit is fully refundable, if the room is cancelled at least 3 days prior to arrival.

Meeting Venue and Accommodations Map

The following hotels are holding special conference rates for the WCPFC Intercessional Meeting





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Circular No.: 2017/14 Date: 2 March 2017

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Dates and Venue for the Intersessional Meeting to Progress the Draft Bridging CMM on Tropical Tuna

Dear All,

Further to Circular No 2017/07 of 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 I wish to advise that I have assessed the comments received from CCMs on the preferred dates for the intersessional meeting to progress the draft Bridging CMM on Tropical Tuna. In light of those comments and in consultation with the WCPFC Chair, we have decided on the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017 to be the dates for the intersessional meeting. Although there were similar supports for the July dates, a number of CCMs emphasized strongly the need for the SC13 outcomes to feed into deliberations at the intersessional meeting.

In settling on those dates for the intersessional meeting, we were also mindful of the dates for the NC13 meeting (28<sup>th</sup> August to 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2017) and the likelihood of some delegates to the intersessional meeting to move on to the NC13 meeting. We also wish to ensure that the intersessional meeting is attended by Commission level delegates who are able to negotiate and take substantive positions in progressing the draft Bridging CMM. So we wished to avoid having the intersessional meeting back to back with the SC13 meeting at the same venue as some CCMs have suggested. Accordingly, we have taken up the kind offer by the USA to provide a venue for the meeting and have decided on having the meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii on 22<sup>nd</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> August, 2017. Once details of the conference facilities and the funding support for the meeting are confirmed then I will advise CCMs accordingly.

I can also advise that there was overwhelming support for a second intersessional meeting to progress the Bridging CCM on Tropical Tuna to be held immediately prior to WCPFC14 in the Philippines. As some CCMs observed, the duration of the second meeting will be determined after the first meeting depending on the progress achieved in that meeting.

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