**Draft Bridging Measure: Rev4: Amendments to Paragraphs 1 to 11**

**Explanatory Note:**

This document contains drafting changes and status of paragraphs 1 to 11 following discussion in plenary on 22 August 2017.

Proposed additions are underlined, proposed deletions are in strike through. Square brackets have been included on some paragraphs following discussion.

Comments have also been included for clarification in red.

**PURPOSE**

1. [**China**: Pending the establishment of harvest strategies,] the purpose of this measure is to provide for a robust transitional management regime that ensures the sustainability of bigeye, skipjack, and yellowfin tuna stocks[~~while the Commission continues to develop and establish harvest strategies pursuant to CMM 2014-06~~].

**Comment**: China proposal to broaden the purpose of the CMM.

**PRINCIPLES FOR APPLICATION OF THE MEASURE**

**Compatibility**

1. Conservation and management measures established for the high seas and those adopted for areas under national jurisdiction shall be compatible in order to ensure conservation and management of bigeye, skipjack, and yellowfin tuna stocks in their entirety. Measures shall ensure, at a minimum, that stocks are maintained at levels capable of producing maximum sustainable yield, pending agreement on target reference points as part of the harvest strategy approach, as qualified by relevant environmental and economic factors including the special requirements of developing States in the Convention Area as expressed by Article 5 of the Convention.

**Area of Application**

1. This Measure applies to all areas of high seas and all EEZs [**~~EU~~**~~: and archipelagic waters]~~ in the Convention Area except where otherwise stated in the Measure.

**Comment**: EU proposal marked for deletion following opposition.

1. Coastal states are encouraged to take measures in archipelagic waters and territorial seas which are consistent with the objectives of this Measure and to inform the ~~WCPFC~~ Commission Secretariat of the relevant measures that they will apply in these waters.

**Small Island Developing States**

1. ~~Unless otherwise stated, n~~ [Nothing in this Measure shall prejudice the rights and obligations of those small island developing State Members and Participating Territories in the Convention Area seeking to develop their domestic fisheries consistent with the provisions of this CMM.]

[**Non-PNA SIDS**: 5bis. Ingiving effect to this CMM, the Commission shall note;

1. that Article 30(2)(b) of the Convention requires the Commission to avoid adverse impacts on subsistence, small-scale and artisanal fishers; and
2. that Article 10(3)(h) of the Convention requires the Commission to take into account, inter-alia, the special circumstances of a State which is surrounded by the exclusive economic zones of other States and has a limited exclusive economic zone of its own.]

**Comment**: Non-PNA SIDS proposal under discussion.

1. [**PNA**: In giving effect to this CMM, the Commission shall pay attention to the geographical situation of a small island developing State which is made up of non-contiguous groups of islands having a distinct economic and cultural identity of their own but which are separated by areas of high seas.]

**Comment**: Kiribati to work with US on including provision in Preamble.

**HARVEST STRATEGIES FOR BIGEYE, SKIPJACK, AND YELLOWFIN TUNA**

1. This measure is to create a bridge to the adoption of a harvest strategy for bigeye, skipjack, and yellowfin tuna stocks [**AUS, Japan**: and/or fisheries] in accordance with the work plan and indicative timeframes set out in the Agreed Work Plan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06 (Attachment 5).

**Comment**: Proposed extension to include possibility that the harvest strategy may be fisheries based.

1. [Pending the adoption of stock-specific reference points, all stocks shall be managed [**EU**: consistent with the Convention] so that their adult biomass remains above the adopted Limit Reference Point of 20% of the estimated recent average spawning biomass in the absence of fishing, (SBF=0,t1-t2) with [high] [**EU**: 80%] probability], other than skipjack tuna which is to be managed to the agreed target reference point.]

**Comment**: Marked for deletion pending outcomes on paras 9-11.

**Bigeye**

1. [Pending agreement on a target reference point, the spawning biomass of BET is to be rebuilt to the agreed Limit Reference Point of 20% of the spawning biomass in the absence of fishing within an interim timeframe of up to 10 years [with at least xx% probability] [**EU**: to the maximum sustainable yield (MSY) of 21% spawning stock biomass (SSB0) within 8 to 10 years with a 50-60% probability of exceeding the Limit Reference Point]. In addition, the fishing mortality rate for bigeye tuna is to be reduced to a level no greater than Fmsy, i.e. F/Fmsy ≤ 1.]

[**ALT: PNA**: The spawning biomass of bigeye tuna is to be maintained at or above the most recently assessed level.]

**Comment**: Alternative proposed language.

**Skipjack**

1. ~~Pending agreement on a formal target reference point, t~~ The spawning biomass of skipjack tuna is to be maintained on average at a level consistent with the interim target reference point of [50%] of the spawning biomass in the absence of fishing, adopted in accordance with CMM 2015-06. [**Japan**: In addition, the fishing mortality rate for skipjack is maintained at a level no greater than Fmsy, i.e. F/Fmsy ≤ 1.]

**Yellowfin**

1. Pending agreement on a target reference point, the spawning biomass of yellowfin tuna is to be maintained [**Japan**: so that the probability of exceeding the limit reference point is no greater than 20%.] / [at or above the most recently assessed level (for 2012, 38% of spawning biomass in the absence of fishing. (***Note****: to be updated in 2017*.)] In addition, the fishing mortality rate for yellowfin is maintained at a level no greater than Fmsy, i.e. F/Fmsy ≤ 1.