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INTRODUCTION

CMM2007-02 in accordance with Article 10 of the WCPFC Convention called for the implementation of the WCPFC Vessel Monitoring System (Commission VMS). This paper is the annual report on the operation of the Commission VMS. The paper is in three sections.

- VMS Operations;
- VMS Implementation Constraints and
- TCC7 Recommendations and Suggestions to WCPFC8
 - Manual Reporting
 - ALC/MTU Audit Template
 - VMS Template

1. VMS Operations

The Commission VMS has been operational since 1st April 2009. Currently there are 3,195 vessels being monitored on the Commission VMS of which 52% are also registered on the FFA VMS.

Table 1. Number of vessels by gear type.

Vessel Type	Number of Vessel
BUNKER	48
FISH CARRIER	185
HARPOON	1
JIGGING LINE	1
LINER NEI	1
LONGLINE	2,566
MOTHERSHIP	5
MULTIPURPOSE VESSEL	5
POLE AND LINE	88
RESEARCH - TRAINING VESSEL	24
SINGLE PURSE SEINE	258
SUPPORT VESSEL	3
TROLL	8

OTHERS	2
TOTAL	3,195

The overall reporting rates of vessels activated to report directly to WCPFC VMS are 92%. Only 54% of the WCPFC activated vessels are currently reporting while on the high seas of the Convention Area while for the remainder, their time is spent in the EEZ of the Convention Area, in port with their ALC/MTU switched off, or outside of the Convention Area.

Service Level Agreement with FFA

The Secretariat developed and manages a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with the FFA for provision of VMS services. This SLA was signed by the Secretariats of the WCPFC and FFA in early December 2008. Since then the WCPFC Secretariat has met quarterly with the FFA Secretariat to monitor the delivery of SLA services in support of Commission VMS implementation.

The Commission VMS provider (FFA) and the Secretariat have agreed to a new schedule of fees under Schedule 3. These new fees will save the Commission approximately \$200,000 annually and have been backdated to 1 January 2011. The following are the new fees:

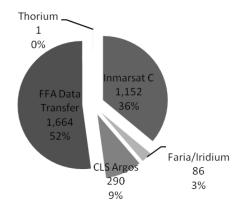
Service	Current Charge	New Charge
Vessel activation	\$200.00	\$150.00
Client activation	\$1,250.00	\$1,150.00
Client De-activation	\$250.00	\$150.00
MTU Monthly recurring charges	\$18.00	\$10.00
FFA High Seas data transfer	\$18.00	\$8.50
Monthly Network, Tape Backup & Internet Charges	\$1,250.00	\$ -
Monthly Help Desk and SLA support	\$1,000.00	\$500.00

Mobile Communications Service Providers

The WCPFC Secretariat has entered into, and maintained direct contracts with mobile communications service providers for the provision of position (and other) data from the MTUs/ALCs to the Commission VMS. Currently, WCPFC Secretariat has ongoing contracts with:

- Vizada for Inmarsat DNID management; and
- Satcomms Australia for Inmarsat C, D+ and Iridium services.
- CLS Argos for Argos and Thorium units

Argos MTUs position reports are provided at no cost to the Secretariat except for Thorium MTUs.



VMS Template.

At WCPFC7 the Commission approved WCPFC7 2010-DP27 (Rev 1). The Secretariat was tasked to develop a VMS Template to accommodate applications for Commission VMS to monitor vessel activities in CCMs' national waters. The 1st template was circulated on 18th February 2011 for comments and amendments. TCC7 reviewed the draft VMS Template Agreement prepared by the Secretariat but were unable to finalize the VMS Template Agreement. TCC7 recommended that the USA continue to work with CCMs inter-sessionally and requested that CCMs provide comments on the current draft of the Template Agreement (WCPFC-TCC7-2011-DP/18), by 5 November 2011. The USA will then prepare a revised version of the VMS Template Agreement for consideration by the Commission at WCPFC8.

Commission VMS Security and Data Integrity.

The WCPFC Secretariat is required to provide a stable, reliable, fully maintained and supported Commission VMS that conforms to the security standards set out in the Commission's ISP. The WCPFC Secretariat relies on the annual security review ensure the Commission VMS is maintained in accordance with this requirement.

The integrity of the Secretariat's VMS data will be verified annually by qualified personnel, exterior to Commission Secretariat staff. The next independent VMS Security Review is planned for 2012.

Provision of High Seas Data for MCS Activities

WCPFC data rules allow for CCMs undertaking MCS operations to request from the Secretariat high seas vessel position data up to 100 nautical miles adjacent to, and outside their Exclusive Economic Zones. Eight CCMs have requested and received VMS vessel position data for various MCS activities.

Eastern High Seas Pocket Special Management Area

CCM 2010-02 provides for the management of the EHSP. The three CCMs (Cook Islands, Kiribati and French Polynesia) and the WCPFC Secretariat are responsible for this SMA. In June 2011 the Secretariat posted the coordinates of the SMA and advised CCMs and vessel operators of the entering into force of CMM 2010-02 on 1st July 2011 specifying the Secretariat's contact point for entry/exit/transshipment/sightings reports.

The management partners (Cook Islands, Kiribati and French Polynesia) and the Secretariat will continue to jointly monitor the SMA for compliance and will follow standard Commission procedures to investigate any anomalies and undertake appropriate actions for non-compliance enforcement.

Staff

The VMS section has 3 staff- the VMS Manager and two VMS Operations Officers (VMSOO). The VMSOO have been assisting CCMs in providing data for MCS activities. One staff attended the FFA VMS Training held in Wollongong NSW, Australia in June 2011. The other attended onsite training at the FFA Regional Surveillance Centre in Honiara, Solomon Islands supporting real time MCS operations such as Operation BigEye.

2. VMS Implementation Constraints

The VMS staff encountered the following issues and constraints in CMMs this year in providing advice and direction on the VMS. These issues were discussed at TCC7.

Vessel Tracking Agreement Form (VTAF).

For Mobile Communications Service Providers (MCSPs) to activate a vessel to be tracked, the vessel owner/operator must give his/her consent for the vessel to be monitored. The VTAF is the document that authorizes this action. The VTAF should form part of the mandatory required data for vessels wishing to

be listed on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessel and on the Interim Register of Carriers and Bunkers under CMM 2009-01 Para 6. This would require an amendment to CMM 2009-01. This requirement would serve two purposes: a) ensure common vessel data on both systems and reduce costs of duplicate reporting; b) ensure all vessels that are to operate in the Convention Area are able to be tracked on VMS from the time their authorization commences. TCC7 discussed this issue, but the issue remains unresolved.

ALCs Comply with WCPFC standards

Annex 1 of the CMM 2007-02 sets the minimum standard for Mobile Transceiver Unit (MTU)/Automatic Location Communicator (ALC) used in the Commission VMS. The Faria Watchdog does not meet the requirements under para 13 of the Annex1 because its uses two cables from the antenna to the indoor unit. TCC7 recommended a review Annex 1 of CMM 2007-02 and that the provision for 2 cable connection be added. This MTU/ALC model, the Faria Watchdog that is currently used by 179 vessels does not meet the requirements under paragraph 13 of the Annex1. The USA offered to lead the drafting of a revision to CMM 2007-02 to include this model.

Paragraphs 2.9 and 2.13 of the SSPs state that "CCMs are to carry out a periodic audit of a representative sample of installed ALCs. The results of these audits will be provided to the Commission by CCMs in the Part 2 component of their respective annual reports to the Commission and those results compiled by the Secretariat into a VMS Audit Report Document". At the time of preparation of this paper no audit reports had been included in Part 2 Annual Reports received by the Secretariat in accordance with CCMs obligations under the SSPs. TCC7 tasked the Secretariat to draft an MTU Audit template to assist CCMs in the inspections of MTUs. Refer to paper WCPFC8-2011/28.

Manual Report – SSP bracketed text

TCC7 reviewed the remaining bracketed text in the Commission VMS SSPs in paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5 related to manual reporting. CCMs were not able to agree on final text for these provisions, but wish to ensure that there is a manual reporting requirement and a requirement for vessels to return to port. Several members requested the Secretariat to provide a tabulated breakdown of vessel names, ALC/MTU type, fleet, gear type, and period and regularity of manual reporting within the Annual Reports to assist in resolving the issues of the bracketed text.

The Secretariat maintains a log of all vessels placed on manual reporting consistent with paragraph 5.6 of the SSPs. The manual reports are also entered in the Commission VMS database. It should be noted that some vessels have delayed in reporting manually until urged by their flag State. Since 2009 there have been over 6,800 manual reports received by the Secretariat.

Number of vessels by flag that have provided manual position reports by year.

FLAG	2009	2010	2011
China	2	14	6
Ecuador	1		1
Federated States of Micronesia			1
Japan		11	3
Kiribati			2
Korea		2	6
Chinese Taipei	15	57	34
Vanuatu	2		

TOTAL	20	84	53
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The list of vessels that have provided manual position reports is appended in Attachment 1.

The USA prepared a paper to review Manual reporting procedure: *PROPOSAL TO MODIFY VMS SSPs RELATED TO MANUAL REPORTING* - WCPFC-TCC7-2011-DP/19 Rev. 2 is appended in Attachment 2.

Monitoring of national waters (*Article 24 (8)*)

A draft Template has been circulated with final comments from CCMs. A number of CCMs have expressed interest in utilizing the Template to minimize the IUU opportunities in their waters. It is noted that final and timely agreement on this Template would foster implementation for those flag States who wish to access the Commission VMS data in their EEZs to reduce IUU fishing.

TCC7 reviewed the draft VMS Template Agreement prepared by the Secretariat but were unable to finalize the VMS Template Agreement. TCC7 recommended that the USA continue to work with CCMs inter-sessionally and requested that CCMs provide comments on the current draft of the Template Agreement (WCPFC-TCC7-2011-DP/18), by 5 November 2011. The USA will then prepare a revised version of the VMS Template Agreement for consideration by the Commission at WCPFC8.

3. TCC7 Recommendations and suggestion to WCPFC8

Manual Reports

TCC7 requested the Secretariat to provide a list of manual reports for their consideration. The breakdown of the 6800 manual reports by vessel names, ALC/MTU type, fleet, gear type, and period and regularity of manual reporting year are in Attachment 1.

ALCs Comply with WCPFC standards

CCMs are to carry out a periodic audit of a representative sample of installed ALCs. The results of these audits will be provided to the Commission by CCMs in the Part 2 component of their respective annual reports to the Commission and those results compiled by the Secretariat into a VMS Audit Report Document.

TCC7 directed the Secretariat to prepare an ALC/MTU audit template and to include a field for ALC/MTU audits in the Part 2 Annual Report template.

VMS Template

TCC7 reviewed the draft VMS Template Agreement prepared by the Secretariat but were unable to finalize the VMS Template Agreement.

TCC7 recommends that the US continue to work with CCMs intersessionally and requests that CCMs provide it with comments on the current draft of the Template Agreement (WCPFC-TCC7-2011-DP/18) by 5 November 2011. The US will then prepare a revised version of the VMS Template Agreement, based on comments received, for consideration by the Commission at WCPFC8.

LIST OF MANUAL REPORTS BY YEAR, VESSEL NAMES, ALC/MTU TYPE, FLEET, GEAR TYPE, AND PERIOD OF MANUAL REPORTING

YEAR: 2009

			MTU	GEAR							
				LL- longliner PS-purse							
				seine							
Vessel Name	IRCS	FLAG		R- Research	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Total
CHANG JAAN NO.1	YJSW2	VU	FFA VMS	LL			30	93	28		151
CHIA MING SHENG	BK7153	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL		6					6
CHIH CHI FENG NO.1	BJ4871	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL			32				32
DER HAE NO.2	BJ4980	TW	FFA VMS	LL			11	7			18
GOLDEN NO.301	BJ4896	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL			29	27			56
HORNG SHYANG	BK7403	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL			1				1
HUNG FA NO.128	BK7729	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL		28					28
JIA DER FA 6	BJ4415	TW	FFA VMS	LL	5	1					6
JIN ROEI FWU NO.6	BJ4502	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL			1				1
JIN SHENQ LIH NO.33	BK7484	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL			1				1
JINN LONG YU	BK6263	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL			1				1
JINN LONG YU NO.2	BJ4178	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL			1				1
MAN HSIANG HSIN	BK7394	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL		51					51
NINE LUCKY NO.6	YJSY4	VU	Trimble	LL						6	6
NO.36 CHIUAN SHENG	BJ3592	CN	Thrane & Thrane	LL	1	76	17				94
SHENG I TSAI NO.368	BJ4889	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL		107					107
SHIN TSAI FA NO.6	BJ4357	TW	FFA VMS	LL		4	1				5
UGAVI DOS	HC4593	EC	FFA VMS	PS	9						9
XIN SHI JI 101	BZ 4UB	CN	Thrane & Thrane	LL			198	504			702
YU LONG 2	BJ4874	TW	FFA VMS	LL				35			35
Number of vessels:	20				15	273	323	666	28	6	1,311

YEAR: 2010

Vessel Name	IRCS	FLAG	MTU	GEAR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Dec	Total
CHI CHENG NO.11	BJ4795	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								37				37
CHIA CHUN NO.23	BJ4838	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							5	40				45
CHUNG YIH	BK7110	TW	Argos	LL								21				21
CHYUAN SHENQ NO.16	BJ3803	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								3				3
CHYUAN SHENQ NO.333	BJ3565	TW	Argos	LL				5	10	6						21
DER YUH SHENG	BK7143	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							5					5
DONG HORNG	BJ4941	TW	FFA VMS	LL						52						52
FU YUEN	BJ3367	TW	Argos	LL										10		10
FUKUYO MARU NO.68	JQNK	JP	FFA VMS	LL					60	78						138
FUMI MARU		JP	Furuno	LL										39		39
FWU MAAN TSAIR NO.6	BK6502	TW	Argos	LL								1				1
GOLDEN NO.301	BJ4896	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								68				68
HER HAE NO.26	BJ4994	TW	FFA VMS	LL								2				2
HORNG JYI TSAIR	BK6821	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							19	21	15			55
HORNG YIH FWU NO.268	BJ4593	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							4					4
HSIN MAN CHUN	BJ4485	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							15	128				143
HSIN YI FA NO.3	BK7506	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								14				14
JENN FENG MAN NO.1	BK6889	TW	Argos	LL								1				1
JIA CING LI	BK7717	TW	Argos	LL								28				28
JIA DER FA 6	BJ4415	TW	FFA VMS	LL						3						3
JIA JYI FA	BK7460	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								17				17
JIN CHING FA NO.16	BJ3555	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL				1	14	2	4					21
JIN HO No.23	BJ4894	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								6				6
JIN MAAN SHYANG NO.12	BJ4673	TW	FFA VMS	LL								2				2
JIN MING YU	BK6852	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							5	15				20
JIN ROEI FWU NO.6	BJ4502	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								1	4			5

JIN SHENG FENG NO.218	BJ3884	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							16	28		13	57
JIN SHENQ LIH NO.33	BK7484	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								2			2
JIN SHYE YIH NO.36	BJ4121	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							5	45	7		57
JIN YIH CHERNG	BJ4401	TW	Argos	LL				1	1		15	27	23	31	98
JIN YU SHENG	BJ4220	TW	FFA VMS	LL								35			35
JING LU YUAN 002	BZZS3	CN	FFA VMS	LL	6	8	13	12	9	21	7				76
JING LU YUAN 003	BZZS4	CN	FFA VMS	LL	6	9	11	12	4	21	7				70
JING LU YUAN 005	BZZS6	CN	FFA VMS	LL	41	35	42	38	36	52	19				263
JING LU YUAN 008	BZZS9	CN	FFA VMS	LL	39	37	43	41	40	51	19				270
JING YUAN 903	BZZT3	CN	Furuno	LL	5	9	12	13	12	23	7				81
JING YUAN 906	BZZT4	CN	FFA VMS	LL	6	9	12	14	13	22	7				83
JINN LONG YU NO.2	BJ4178	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								6		16	22
JYI JYI YIH NO.2	BK6808	TW	Argos	LL							8	18			26
KOKUSHIN MARU NO.8		JP	Furuno	LL										2	2
KUO RONG NO.136	BJ4912	TW	FFA VMS	LL								24			24
LIAO JIN LUN 103	BZZB2	CN	FFA VMS	LL	5	9	9	5	9	22	5				64
LIAO JIN LUN 107	BZZB5	CN	FFA VMS	LL	6	9	9	8	7	21	6				66
LIAOJINLUN 108	BZTF8	CN	FFA VMS	LL	43	37	41	42	37	51	18				269
LIAOJINLUN 109	BZTF9	CN	FFA VMS	LL	43	37	41	42	37	51	18				269
LIAOJINLUN 110	BZTG2	CN	FFA VMS	LL	6	7	11	10	8	20	7				69
LIAOJINLUN 111	BZTG3	CN	FFA VMS	LL	5	9	10	10	7	20	7				68
LIEN I HSING NO.116	BJ4828	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								1			1
LIEN YU FA	BJ4584	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							15	42			57
MAAN CHUAN JYI	BK6316	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								1			1
MAAN DAH FENG NO.2	BK6379	TW	Argos	LL								2			2
MAAN FONG NO.268	BJ4315	TW	FFA VMS	LL								1			1
MAN FU TSAI NO.1	BK7748	TW	FFA VMS	LL								37			37
MING FWU TSAIR NO.6	BJ3978	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								19			19
NO.121 DONGWON	6MPX	KR	FFA VMS	LL							55				55
NO.168 SHENG FU YU	BJ4631	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								2			2

NO.212 DONGWON	6NMC	KR	FFA VMS	LL							36					36
NORI MARU		JP	Furuno	LL										12		12
RIASU-MARU	JPYT	JP	JRC	R		10	9									19
RYOYOSHI-MARU No.8	JNQM	JP	JRC	LL		8	3									11
SHENG CHI HUI No.2	BJ4524	TW	FFA VMS	LL								32				32
SHENG FU YU NO.168	BJ4631	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								2				2
SHENG I HSING NO.63	BJ4907	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								4				4
SHENG JYI HUEI NO.16	BJ4330	TW	FFA VMS	LL								24				24
SHENQ MAAN SHING																
NO.10	BK7412	TW	FFA VMS	LL								3				3
SHIMA MARU NO. 1		JP	Furuno	LL											11	11
SHIN RONG SHING NO.3	BK7508	TW	Argos	LL								1				1
SHIN SHEND HER	BJ4398	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							1	14		2		17
SHING MAAN YU	BK6789	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL				3	4		1					8
SHINYO MARU	7JAO	JP	JRC	R		6										6
SHUN HONG	BJ5004	TW	FFA VMS	LL							19					19
SHUNYO MARU	JETM	JP	Not Submitted	R										1		1
TAKE MARU NO.38		JP	Furuno											6		6
TE LI NO.10	BK7421	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							20	23				43
TOKUHO MARU NO.21		JP	Inmarsat C	LL										20		20
TZENG GIN SOON NO.288	BJ4128	TW	Argos	LL							1					1
WIH CHINQ	BK4278	TW	Argos	LL			1									1
XIN SHI JI 12	BZUS9	CN	FFA VMS	LL	5	5	11	9	12	21	7					70
XIN SHI JI 31	BZVA9	CN	FFA VMS	LL	86	10	17	23	21	28	8					193
YI SHENG WANG	BJ3565	TW	Argos	LL				12	20	12						44
YI YUAN NO.316	BJ4842	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								1				1
YU WEN NO.101	BZJM	TW	FFA VMS	PS							95					95
YUH CHANG NO.6	BJ4715	TW	FFA VMS	LL						19						19
YUH YI NO.1	BJ4581	TW	FFA VMS	LL			8									8
Number of vessels:	84				302	254	303	301	361	596	486	799	49	152	11	3,614

YEAR: 2011

Vessel Name	IRCS	FLAG	MTU	GEAR	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Sep	Oct	Total
AN WEN FA NO.22	BJ4334	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								6		6
CAENG CHI TSAI NO.12	BK7517	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						9				9
CHARNG SHING YUAN No.12	BJ4918	TW	FFA VMS	LL					9	99				108
CHIA CHUN NO.23	BJ4838	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								10		10
CHIUAN SHENG NO.36	BJ3592	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						7				7
CHUAN YI	BJ4717	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						9				9
CHUNG YIH	BK7110	TW	Argos	LL						2	10			12
CLEAR WATER 03	V6P218	FSM	FFA VMS	LL								70	100	170
DAYANG 11	BZZB8	CN	Thrane & Thrane	LL								6		6
DER YUH SHENG	BK7143	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						6	56			62
DONG WON NO.637	DTBW8	KR	FFA VMS	LL								1		1
FENG DAR YUH NO.168	BJ3899	TW	FFA VMS	LL								2		2
FU YUAN YU 064	BZ6UR	CN	Thrane & Thrane	LL								20	1	21
FUH AN NO.1	BK6600	TW	FFA VMS	LL								8		8
GOANG SHING LIH	BK7364	TW	FFA VMS	LL								29	39	68
HONG YU NO.66	BJ4481	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								2		2
HORNG MING NO.6	BK6827	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						25		7		32
JIN CHING FA NO.16	BJ3555	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							21			21
JIN SHENG FENG	BK7912	TW	FFA VMS	LL								34	71	105
JIN SHENG FENG NO.218	BJ3884	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							6			6
JIN SHYE YIH NO.36	BJ4121	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								3		3
JINN LONG YU NO.2	BJ4178	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						5	21	3	1	30
LIAN FONG YI NO.21	BJ3510	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						2	37			39
LIAN JYI FA	BK6825	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						2	66			68
M.T. HAISOON 5	T3UM	KI	FFA VMS	Bunker							3	3	2	8
MAN I FENG NO.22	BJ4483	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							54			54

MING CHI TSAI NO.16	BJ4329	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							75			75
MING FWU TSAIR NO.6	BJ3978	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						11				11
MT. HAI SOON IX	T3UM	KI	Furuno	Bunker								2		2
NO.335 ORYONG	6MNY	KR	FFA VMS	LL								22		22
NO.355 OYANG	6MNI	KR	FFA VMS	LL									6	6
NO.801 ORYONG	DTBU7	KR	FFA VMS	LL								64		64
NO.83 AGNES	6LIW	KR	FFA VMS	LL	1									1
QUIN YUAN YU 101	BZZQ	CN	FFA VMS	LL				40						40
RUI JIN FA NO.3	BJ5013	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								21	6	27
SAJO COLUMBIA	6NJU	KR	FFA VMS	PS						3	42			45
SHANG SHUN NO.668	BI2510	TW	FFA VMS	LL						10				10
SHEN GANG FA 3	BZXD6	CN	FFA VMS	LL									40	40
SHEN LIAN CHENG 707	BZXC7	CN	FFA VMS	LL								73	123	196
SHENG YI SHING NO.20	BJ3889	TW	FFA VMS	LL								5		5
SHIMA MARU NO.1		JP	Furuno	LL						46	67			113
SHIN JINN YIH NO.8	BJ4261	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						5				5
SHIN SHYANG YIH NO.116	BJ3497	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								1	6	7
SING FA CAI	BJ4452	TW	FFA VMS	LL									1	1
SING MAN YU	BK6789	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL								19	11	30
TAKATOYO MARU NO.38	JEZR	JP	FFA VMS	LL								49		49
TAKE MARU NO.38		JP	Furuno	LL	60	29	22							111
TZENG JIN SHUENN NO.133	BJ3910	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						1				1
UGAVI DOS	HC4593	EC	FFA VMS	PS				7						7
YONG MIN NO.6	BK7106	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL							12			12
YU JIN NO.136	BK7048	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						2				2
YU TSAIR WANG	BK6712	TW	Thrane & Thrane	LL						1				1
YUE YUAN YU 169	BZXL6	CN	FFA VMS	LL					22	185				207
Number of vessels:	53				61	29	22	47	31	430	470	460	407	1,957



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PROPOSAL TO MODIFY VMS SSPs RELATED TO MANUAL REPORTING

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Manual Reporting - Rev.2

TCC7 reviewed the remaining bracketed text in the Commission VMS SSPs in paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5 related to manual reporting. CCMs were not able to agree on final text for these provisions, but wish to ensure that there is a manual reporting requirement and a requirement for vessels to return to port. Several CCMs suggested that it would be helpful if the Secretariat could prepare a report on manual reporting for consideration by TCC8.

TCC7 agreed to revise the language in paragraphs 5.4 and 5.5 provisionally for one year, pending review of the Secretariat's paper on manual reporting. The revised language does not reflect final agreement on either the period of manual reporting or the length of time that a vessel may continue to fish while manually reporting.

TCC7 agrees that Coastal States laws and regulations continue to apply with respect to manual reporting with respect to VMS breakdown where vessels are in coastal state jurisdictions and note Section 1 relating to application to VMS in the Commission SSPs

For 2012, the Commission's VMS SSPs will be modified to read as follows:

4. In the event of non-reception of two consecutive, programmed high seas VMS positions, and where the Secretariat has exhausted all reasonable steps to re-establish normal automatic reception of VMS positions the Secretariat shall inform the vessel's flag State CCM and the vessel Master. From the time of transmission of this communication to the CCM, the vessel Master shall be required to take immediate steps to re-establish automatic reporting. During this period the vessel shall be required to report its position manually to the Secretariat. Until the Commission adopts a manual reporting period, CCMs must ensure that their vessels manually

report at a period of 8 hours or less.

4bis. In cases where automatic reporting has not been reestablished, the CCM shall order the vessel to cease fishing, stow all fishing gear and return to port. Until the Commission adopts a specific length of time that the vessel may remain at sea while manually reporting, CCMs must ensure that their vessels return to port no later than 45 days after notification that automatic reporting has ceased unless automatic reporting has recommenced. The vessel may recommence fishing on the high seas only when the ALC has been confirmed as operational by the Secretariat following the flag State CCM informing the Secretariat that the vessel's automatic reporting complies with the regulations established in this SSP.

[5. In exceptional circumstances, the flag State CCM may extend the period established in paragraph 4 for an additional consecutive [15] days during which time the vessel will continue to report its position manually every [4] hours to the Secretariat while on the high seas. When such permission is provided the flag State CCM shall provide a report to the Secretariat as to the nature of the exceptional circumstances and steps taken to re-establish automatic reporting. Such reports shall be included in the Secretariat's annual report on the operations of the Commission's VMS to the TCC as required under paragraph 7.3.9.]