



**3<sup>rd</sup> MEETING OF THE FAD MANAGEMENT OPTIONS INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP**

Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands  
3 October 2018

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**WCPFC Circular 2018-27 Resuming the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group  
Invitation to participate electronically in the FADMgmtOptions-IWG and Proposed Workplan**

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

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**Resuming the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group**

Dear All,

At WCPFC14 in Manila, Philippines, the Commission agreed that the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group (FADMgmtOptions-IWG) would be held on Wednesday 3rd October 2018 in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands immediately after TCC14. In adopting CMM 2017-01 Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack tuna, the Commission tasked the FADMgmtOptions-IWG with providing the Commission with advice and recommendations on the following:

22. *The Commission at its 2018 annual session, based on specific guidelines defined by the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group and advice from SC14 and TCC14 shall consider the adoption of measures on the implementation of non-entangling and/or biodegradable material on FADs.*

23. *A flag CCM shall ensure that each of its purse seine vessels shall have deployed at sea, at any one time, no more than 350 drifting Fish Aggregating Devices (FADs) with activated instrumented buoys. An instrumented buoy is defined as a buoy with a clearly marked reference number allowing its identification and equipped with a satellite tracking system to monitor its position. The buoy shall be activated exclusively on board the vessel. A flag CCM shall ensure that its vessels operating in the waters of a coastal State comply with the laws of that coastal State relating to FAD management, including FAD tracking.*

24. *The Commission at its 2018 annual session, based on consideration in the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group, shall review whether the number of FADs deployed as set out in paragraph 23 is appropriate.*

In addition, it should be noted that the Terms of Reference for the (FADMgmtOptions-IWG) were approved by the Commission at WCPFC11 (2014) and can be found as Attachment E to the WCPFC11 Summary Report.

The Chair of the FADMgmtOptions-IWG Naiten Bradley Phillip Jr. of Federated States of Micronesia, has requested that work of the group commence as soon as possible.

The Working Group is open to all CCMs and shall include participation by PNAO, FFA, SPC, industry, and NGOs, and is also open to other interested WCPFC observers. It is required, as far as possible, that the working group conducts its work electronically, or if convenient and cost-effective, in targeted face to face meetings.

Parties interested in participating in electronic discussions of the (FADMgmtOptions-IWG) are invited to notify the Assistant Science Manager, Tony Beeching (tony.beeching@wcpfc.int) of the name, affiliation and contact details of their nominated representative(s) no later than end of business on **Friday May 18, 2018**. The Secretariat will compile this information and transmit it to the FAD IWG Chair for his use in distribution of further information about the activities of the group.

The FADMgmtOptions-IWG Chair invites comments by interested parties on the draft outline workplan (attached) by **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2018** and requests examples of relevant best practice and guidelines where available. Communication should be directly to the FADMgmtOptions-IWG Chair Mr Naiten Bradley Phillip Jr. (bradley.phillip@norma.fm), and copied to Tony Beeching, Assistant Science Manager (tony.beeching@wcpfc.int)

Yours sincerely,



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# WCPFC FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group

## Work Plan

2 May 2018

This paper:

- a. presents the scope of the WCPFC14 task, and
- b. establishes a plan for completing the work.

### a. Scope

The Commission tasked the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group (FADMgmtOptions-IWG) to provide advice to WCPFC15 inter alia on guidelines for the implementation of non-entangling and/or biodegradable material on FADs; and to determine whether the number of FADs deployed as set out in CMM 2017-01 paragraph 23 is appropriate (refer to Paragraph 258 in the WCPFC14 Summary Report; and paragraphs 22,23 and 24 in CMM 2017-01). The outcomes of the FADMgmtOptions-IWG will be reported to WCPFC15.

In drafting the workplan it is assumed that prior to SC14, the prime focus of the group will be the development of draft guidelines for the implementation of non-entangling and/or biodegradable material on FADs; and the recommendations related to determining an appropriate number of FADs deployed, will be based on the Scientific Committee's consideration of SPC analysis. This does not preclude discussion of an appropriate number of FADs by the Electronic FADMgmtOptions-IWG.

Documents may be posted on the Third FADMgmtOptions-IWG website from 7<sup>th</sup> May onwards, and registration notification details will be circulated in due course.

### b. Workplan

i.	FADMgmtOptions-IWG website prepared by WCPFC Secretariat ( <a href="https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/third-meeting-wcpfc-fad-management-options-iwg">https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/third-meeting-wcpfc-fad-management-options-iwg</a> )	
ii.	Participation list circulated to the Electronic-FADMgmtOptions-IWG	18 May 2018
iii.	FADMgmtOptions-IWG Chair attends BMIS Workshop in Noumea, New Caledonia; an opportunity for face to face discussions.	28-30 May
iv.	Deadline for the submission of examples of best practice and guidelines (refer to Circular) from participants for review by the chair.	8 June 2018

<p>v. Distribute draft guidelines for the implementation of non-entangling and/or biodegradable material on FADs to E-participants for review and comments due by 18 July. If available, information related to the determination of an appropriate number of deployed FADs will be shared with E-participants.</p>	<p>29 June 2018</p> <p>18 July 2018</p>
<p>vi. Draft guidelines and E-participants' comments will be posted on the SC14 website by 21st July 2018. An Informal Small Group (ISG) will, during SC14, review the draft guidelines and comments, and report the outputs to SC14 plenary (Agenda Item 6.1.3.1).</p> <p>The Chair of the FADMgmtOptions-IWG will compile all information and recommendations on the implementation of non-entangling and/or biodegradable material on FADs for review at the 3<sup>rd</sup> FADMgmtOptions-IWG meeting.</p>	<p>06 Aug – 16 Aug 2018</p>
<p>vii. SC14 will review the FAD-limit per vessel analysis and provide recommendations on whether the number of FADs deployed as set out in CMM 2017-01 Paragraph 23 is appropriate.</p> <p>The Chair of the FADMgmtOptions-IWG will compile information and recommendations on an appropriate FAD-limit per vessel for review at the 3<sup>rd</sup> FADMgmtOptions-IWG meeting.</p>	<p>06 Aug – 16 Aug 2018</p>
<p>viii. FADMgmtOptions-IWG Chair will submit the draft guidelines and the recommendations on FAD-limit per vessel to TCC14 for review by 31st August 2018.</p>	<p>31<sup>st</sup> August 2018</p>
<p>ix. THIRD FADMgmtOptions-IWG MEETING. Finalize draft proposed FAD guidelines and the number of FADs deployed and if time permits, review the FAD Research Plan.</p>	<p>3 October 2018</p>
<p>x. FADMgmtOptions-IWG Report to be completed and submitted on or before October 12<sup>th</sup> to WCPFC15 for their consideration.</p>	<p>12 October 2018</p>