

**THIRD E-REPORTING AND E-MONITORING WORKING GROUP MEETING (ERandEMWG3)**

**Busan, Republic of Korea**

 **6 - 7 August 2018**

**AGREED Recommendations from ERandEMWG3**

**WCPFC-2018-ERandEMWG3-Outcomes**

**7 August 2018**

**E- REPORTING**

**Update or revision of E-reporting SSPs**

1. Recommend that, subject to SC and TCC endorsement, with respect to maintaining adopted standards, matters of substance (such as major changes or new proposals) shall be considered in a manner consistent with already established processes for new proposals. The Secretariat shall administer minor changes to the SSPs that reflect decisions of the Commission by circulating a draft to all CCMs advising that the change had been made and would come into effect on a date at least consistent with that in the SSPs. CCMs shall be provided the opportunity to raise concerns and if so, the change becomes a matter of substance and will be handled as such.

**Standards for E-reporting of high seas transshipment**

1. Recommend that, subject to SC14 and TCC14 endorsement, the Commission adopt the E-Reporting Standards for transhipment declarations and transhipment notices (ERandEMWG3-03 Attachment 1).
2. If adopted, note that, where transhipment declarations and transhipment notices are submitted electronically to WCPFC, the following information is not required:
	* the observers signature;
	* a unique document identifier;
	* for the offloading vessel to supply data on the quantity of product already on board the receiving vessel;
	* for the receiving vessel to supply data on the fishing gear that the offloading vessel used to take the fish; and
	* for the receiving vessel to supply data on the quantity of product to be transhipped.
3. If adopted, recommend that the Commission:
	1. add a footnote to Annex I of CMM 2009-06 that says “CCMs shall submit information required in Annex I or in accordance with E-reporting Standards for transhipment declarations and transhipment notices”; and
	2. add a footnote to Annex III of CMM 2009-06 that says “CCMs shall submit information required in Annex III or in accordance with E-reporting Standards for transhipment declarations and transhipment notices”.

**E-MONITORING**

**E-Monitoring Process Standards Workshops**

1. ERandEM WG noted the work done by SPC on developing EM process standards (ref WCPFC-ERandEMWG3-2018-IP02) which involves guidance on how observer data fields can or cannot be collected with EM systems and noted that the standards provided a useful reference for developing EM programmes.

**Data needs**

1. The ERandEMWG noted the results from IP04 examining scientific application of the longline ROP minimum data standard data fields. ERandEM WG recommended that SC and TCC consider if a Commission wide data needs analysis and associated data collection and verification methods was needed.
2. The ERandEMWG noted the strength of the ROP as a data collection and verification programme that comes from its independence and impartiality, and recommended that any WCPFC EM Programme should also have this similar basis.

**E-Monitoring Concept Paper**

1. The ERandEMWG recommended that the Commission note that the approach outlined in the concept paper could be used as a general framework for progressing issues relating to implementation of EM. The ERandEMWG further noted the Chair would update the concept paper based on discussions at ERandEMWG3, with particular focus on objectives and scope, and would circulate intersessionally to ERandEMWG participants with the possibility of using TCC14 for informal consultations.
2. The ERandEMWG recommends that the Commission agree to prioritising electronic monitoring in areas where independent data collection and verification is currently low and asked SC14 and TCC14 for advice on priority areas.

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