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OF SKIPJACK, BIGEYE AND YELLOWFIN TUNA**

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**Subject: Circular 2011/30 on Conservation and Management of Skipjack,  
Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna**

Dear Charles,

In a circular of 4 November 2011, you have proposed a way forward for considering the replacement measure of CMM 2008-01 based on input from CCMs (currently WCPFC-2011/31). I would like to thank you for your effort to bring together divergent views and welcome the approach of indicating various options for key issues.

In this regard, I would like to point out that the section on purse seine management is incomplete because it only lists options for FAD closure. The EU has explicitly suggested a different approach, notably total closure in our proposal tabled in 2010 at WCPFC7 (DP-26). Furthermore, WCPFC7 agreed to consider this proposal through the CMM 2008-01 review process (para. 423 of WCPFC7 Summary Record). We subsequently maintained this suggested approach in discussions at TCC and most recently in a revamped proposal for WCPFC8 (DP-24).

Similarly, with regard to high seas pockets closures, I want to draw your attention to the fact that a third option was suggested by the EU delegation at TCC, and supported by some other CCMs. Notably, it concerns the possibility of reopening the high seas pockets currently closed by CMM 2008-01.

I understand that it is impossible to produce a document that encompasses all variations on key issues. Nevertheless, I believe the two issues highlighted above are quite significant for the discussion as they embody entirely different approaches from the ones already listed.

I would therefore like to suggest that these options are included.

Please make this letter available to the other WCPFC CCMs.

Yours sincerely,

  
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