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**Draft FAD MO IWG3 Guidelines for Biodegradable and Non-Entangling FADs**

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**Paper submitted by the Chair of the FAD Management Options IWG**

**Purpose**

1. To submit for the information of TCC14 the progress that has been made intersessionally to date by the FAD Management Options IWG on the development of guidelines for biodegradable and non-entangling FADs.

**Background**

2. The Commission agreed that the FAD Management Options IWG would resume its work in 2018 and hold a meeting immediately following TCC14 (3 October 2018)<sup>1</sup>. Mr Naiten Bradley Phillip Jr. commenced as FAD Management Options IWG Chair in December 2017.
3. Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack tuna in the WCPO (CMM 2017-01), states the following in respect of “Non-Entangling FADs”.

**Non-entangling FADs**

19. To reduce the entanglement of sharks, marine turtles or any other species, CCMs are encouraged to utilise non-entangling design and materials in the construction of FADs.

20. To reduce the amount of synthetic marine debris, the use of natural or biodegradable materials for FADs should be promoted.

21. The Scientific Committee shall continue to review research results on the use of non entangling material and biodegradable material on FADs, and shall provide specific recommendations to the Commission as appropriate.

22. The Commission at its 2018 annual session, based on specific guidelines defined by the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group and

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<sup>1</sup> The meeting papers for the FADIWG 3 meeting can be accessed from this link <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/fadmo-iwg3>

advice from SC14 and TCC14 shall consider the adoption of measures on the implementation of non-entangling and/or biodegradable material on FADs.

4. Paragraph 22 of CMM 2017-01 tasks TCC14 with providing advice to WCPFC15 on any guidelines to be defined by the FAD Management Options IWG for the implementation of non-entangling and/or biodegradable material on FADs.

**Recommendation**

5. Noting the task in paragraph 22 of CMM 2017-01, and that there will be a dedicated one-day meeting of FAD Management Options IWG immediately following TCC14, TCC is invited to discuss and as appropriate make recommendations on this matter.