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**SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED UNDER TROPICAL TUNA CMMs
FROM 2017 TO 2018**

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Purpose

1. This paper provides for information of WCPFC15 the updated versions of tables and notes that summarize the reports made in 2017 and part of 2018 by CCMs under CMM 2016-01 and CMM 2017-01 of the *Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack*. The information in this paper is based on recent information received by the Secretariat. It should be noted that some related replies to CMR or recent reporting may not be reflected in this paper.

Updated Tables and Notes

2. The Tables and Notes in this paper may be categorized in to these categories:
 - Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set management in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S: 2017 and 2018 to date (*Table 1 – 2*);
 - WCPFC – IATTC Overlap Area (WCPFC9 Decision, paragraph 80) (*notes*);
 - Monthly reports of bigeye longline catches (CMM 2016-01 paragraph 44 and CMM 2017-01 paragraph 41) (*Table 3*); and
 - Summary of U.S. reporting related to paragraph 29 of CMM 2017-01: 2018 to date (*notes*).

¹ This is an update of data in **WCPFC- TCC14-2018-IP07** SUMMARY OF THE REPORTS RECEIVED UNDER TROPICAL TUNA CMMs FROM 2017 TO 2018 (18 September 2018) – *paper by the Secretariat*

3. Tables 1 to 2 below relate to notification and reporting on additional FAD Set management:

Table 1: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S during 2017 (CMM 2016-01 paragraph 16 and 19) - as at 17 September 2018 [?* = preliminary note on likely choice of FAD set additional reduction]

FLAG CCMs	Additional footnote 3 notifications 2017	2017 Choice of additional FAD Set Reduction option (para 16)		2017 FAD set Reporting (para 19)			
		a) prohibit setting on FADs in Oct	b) annual limit of FAD sets (Att A)	Reported FAD sets / Limit	Number of Total Sets	Est. bigeye catch ²	Time period for reporting
Australia		YES					
China		YES					
Ecuador		YES					
El Salvador		YES					
European Union		YES					
Federated States of Micronesia	2	YES					
Indonesia		YES					
Japan			YES	636 / 2139 (29.7%)	4501	2177.2 Mt	1 Jan – 31 Dec
Kiribati			YES	1172 / ## ³			1 Jan – 31 Dec
Republic of Korea			YES	1863 / 2286 (81.5%)	6693	3285.2 Mt	1 Jan – 31 Dec
Marshall Islands		**4					
New Zealand		^^5					
Papua New Guinea		YES					
Philippines		YES					
Solomon Islands		YES					
Chinese Taipei		YES					
Tuvalu		YES					
United States of America			YES	2247 / 2522 (89.1%)	5116	2862 Mt	1 Jan – 31 Dec
Vanuatu		YES					

² At least one CCM has indicated that the reported figures are subject to correction when more information is available.

³ CMM 2016-01 Att A specifies 493 FAD sets. However, when the Commission adopted CMM 2016-01 at WCPFC13, the Commission did not amend the limits specified in CMM 2016-01 Attachment A to take into account the following sentence in footnote 3 of CMM 2016-01: "After 3 years the FAD sets/total sets by those vessels shall be incorporated into the calculation of the baseline figure for that CCM." On 11 Sept 2018, Sect received updated advice from SPC of a recalculated baseline limit that might be a potential updated Limit Value for 2017= 1463.2 FAD sets (SPC 11 Sept 2018)

⁴ CCM advised that exemptions applied to its flagged vessels during Oct 1-31 both within its home EEZ and in high seas waters of Convention Area as per footnote 5 of CMM 2016-01 18.

⁵ CCM advised that it considered CMM 2016-01 16 is an additional FAD measure for 2014, and it did not apply in 2017. In accordance with footnote 5 of CMM 2016-01 18 the CCM qualified to apply a verifiable reduction in bigeye catches to 55% from the reference levels (2010-2012) over the course of 2017.

Table 2: Summary of Notifications and Reporting to WCPFC related to additional FAD Set reduction in the purse seine fishery operating 20N to 20S during 2018 (CMM 2017-01 paragraph 17 and footnote 2) - as at 15 November 2018

FLAG CCMs	Advice of Footnote 2 Notifications: Vessels to which the 1 July – 30 September FAD closure will not apply in 2018 ⁶	2018 Choice of additional high seas FAD set management option (para 17)	
		Apr-May 2018	Nov-Dec 2018
Australia			
China			YES
El Salvador		YES	
European Union		YES	
Federated States of Micronesia	YES ⁷	YES	
Indonesia			YES
Japan			YES (if applicable activities occur outside of high seas adjacent to KIR EEZs)
Kiribati	YES ⁸		YES
Republic of Korea			YES
Marshall Islands	YES ⁹		YES
Nauru			
New Zealand		YES	
Papua New Guinea			YES
Philippines			
Solomon Islands		YES	
Chinese Taipei			YES
Tuvalu			YES
United States of America			YES (preliminary choice)
Vanuatu			YES

⁶ The list of vessels included in the notification received by the Secretariat is contained in Circular 2018/67 dated 30 October 2018

⁷ Notified of 20 purse seine vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in FSM waters during July – September 2018

⁸ Notified of 19 purse seine vessels, including 10 chartered vessels to be managed under PNA 3IA in Kiribati waters during July – September 2018

⁹ Notified of 10 purse seine vessels, including 2 chartered vessels, to be managed under PNA 3IA in RMI waters during July – September 2018

4. The applicable WCPFC decisions and notes on the WCPFC – IATTC Overlap Area are as follow:

(a) The WCPFC9 decision on the application of measures in the part of the WCPF Convention Area that overlaps with the IATTC Convention Area says that in the case of a WCPFC member who is also an IATTC member, and who has vessels on both records/register of IATTC and WCPFC, the corresponding flag Member shall decide and notify both organisations under which of the two Commissions those vessels shall operate when fishing in the overlap area with IATTC and WCPFC. If a CCM is a member of only one RFMO, the rules of that RFMO will apply in the overlap area between WCPFC and IATTC, even if the CCM is a cooperating non-member of the other RFMO. (see WCPFC9 Summary Report, paragraph 80)

(b) CMM 2013-01 paragraph 13 says:

The catch and effort limits in paragraphs 16 - 18 (FAD sets), paragraph 25 (high seas purse seine effort limits), paragraph 40 (bigeye longline catch), and paragraphs 28 and 43 (yellowfin purse seine effort and longline catch) shall be calculated from the relevant historical levels within the Convention Area except for those Member flag States who, consistent with the WCPFC9 decision (paragraph 80 of WCPFC9 Summary Report), notify of their choice to implement IATTC measures in the overlap area. For those Member flag States who choose to implement IATTC measures in the overlap area, the calculation of their limits for the Convention Area (excluding the overlap area) shall exclude historical catch or effort within the overlap area. Notwithstanding decisions on application of catch and/or effort limits, all other provisions of this measure apply to all vessels fishing in the overlap area.

(c) The Secretariat received one update in 2014 and 2016 of WCPFC member's choice of WCPFC/IATTC measures in the Overlap Area.¹⁰ In accordance with the WCPFC9 decision and the relevant notifications received by WCPFC to date:

- The following three CCMs were able to apply IATTC measures in the overlap area:¹¹
 - Ecuador – As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
 - El Salvador - As a WCPFC Cooperating Non-Member which is a contracting party of IATTC;
 - European Union – in accordance with letter received by WCPFC on 2 April 2013.
- The United States of America notified that it will apply WCPFC measures in the overlap area effective from April 26 2016.

¹⁰ Republic of Korea had advised on 8th July 2013 of IATTC measures applying in the overlap area. However, on 22 September 2014 Korea advised (and confirmed at TCC10) that they withdraw their choice of measures applying in the overlap area.

¹¹ This is a subset of the list of notifications received for the overlap area, for a complete list CCMs can access the list on WCPFC Secure CCM side: <https://www.wcpfc.int/overlap-area-iattc>

5. Table 3 provides the summary of monthly reports of bigeye longline catches (CMM 2016-01 paragraph 44 and CMM 2017-01 paragraph 41):

Table 3: Summary of CCM reporting of bigeye longline catch by WCPFC in accordance with CMM 2016-01 paragraph 44 and CMM 2017-01 paragraph 41- as at 17 September 2018 (Note: some CCMs replies to dCMR or most recent reporting to WCPFC may not be reflected below)

FLAG CCMs	2017			2018		
	Catch / Limit (Mt)	Reporting Period	% of limit	Catch / Limit (Mt) ¹²	Reporting Period	% of limit
China	6344 / 7049	1 Jan – 31Dec	99.4%	6182 / 8224	1 Jan – 30 Sept	70.9%
Indonesia	_____ / 5,889	_____	_____	_____ / 5,889	_____	_____
Japan	11668 / 16860	1 Jan – 31Dec	69.2%	7446 / 18265	1 Jan – 30 Sept	41.9%
Republic of Korea	10041/ 12869	1 Jan – 31Dec	77.8%	9971 / 13942	1 Jan –30 Sept	71.5%
Chinese Taipei	9453 / 9675	1 Jan – 31Dec	97.7%	4686 / 10481	1 Jan – 30 Sept	44.7%
United States of America	3094 / 3138	1 Jan – 31Dec	98.6%	3369 / 3554	1 Jan – 30 Sept	94.8%

6. The United States has provided three quarterly reports to date, in respect of the utilization of its EEZ limit during 2018 (CMM 2017-01 paragraph 29). The U.S. has notified that U.S. flagged purse seine vessels are provisionally estimated to have used 74 fishing days in the U.S. EEZ from 1 Jan – 30 Sept in calendar year 2018.

Recommendation

7. WCPFC15 is invited to note this paper.

¹² CMM 2016-01 Attachment 1 Table 3: In 2018, Japan will make a one-off transfer of 500 metric tonnes of its bigeye tuna catch limit to China