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**SUMMARY OF NOTIFICATIONS TO WCPFC OF CHARTER, LEASE OR OTHER
MECHANISMS**

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Paper by Secretariat

Purpose

1. This paper tables for the information of and review by the Commission a summary of all notified chartered vessels. This paper is submitted in response to paragraph 6 of CMM 2016-05 *Conservation and Management Measure for the Charter Notification Scheme*.

Background

2. Since 2010, the WCPFC has had a Charter Notification Scheme under various versions of the CMM on Charter Notification. The current measure in force is CMM 2016-05 which expires on 31 December 2019.¹
3. In accordance with CMM 2016-05 paragraphs 2 and 3, each Member or Participating Territory can choose to notify the Commission of any vessel to be identified under the Charter Notification Scheme, for the purpose of conducting fishing operations in the Convention Area as an integral part of the domestic fleet of that chartering Member or Participating Territory.
4. Paragraph 7 of CMM 2016-05 also states: “Unless specifically provided in other CMMs, catches and effort of vessels notified as chartered under this CMM shall be attributed to the chartering Member or Participating Territory. Unless specifically provided in other CMMs, the chartering Member or Participating Territory shall report annually to the Executive Director catch and effort of chartered vessels in the previous year.”

Overview

5. Paragraph 5 of CMM 2016-05 tasks the Executive Director to make available to all CCMs information submitted under CMM 2016-05. Information received from CCMs on charter arrangements can currently be found in two places on the WCPFC Intranet.

¹ This replaced CMM 2015-05, and prior to that was CMM 2012-05, CMM 2011-05 and CMM 2009-08.

I. As part of the Record of Fishing Vessels: where flag CCMs are expected in accordance with the RFV SSPs to confirm charter arrangements for their vessels are submitted in accordance with CMM 2014-03 (CMM 2014-03, RFV SSPs).

II. In the Charter Notification List maintained by the Secretariat, which records advice that chartering Members or chartering participating territories have advised the Secretariat as well as the appropriate flag CCM, in accordance with the WCPFC Charter Notification Scheme (CMM 2016-05 or its predecessor)

6. In 2019, as at 19 November 2019, the Secretariat received 36 submissions from 9 Members and Participating Territories containing notifications or updates related to the Charter Notification Scheme. At the time of writing this paper there were a total of 395 individual vessels (379 longliners, 14 purse seine vessels and 2 carrier vessels) that are notified under the Charter Notification Scheme during the 2019 calendar year. In addition, there were eight (8) individual longline vessels and two (2) carrier vessels, that are notified under the Charter Notification Scheme for 2020 calendar year and beyond.
7. In accordance with paragraph 6 of CMM 2016-05, a summary of the list of notified charter vessels, with annual counts of individual vessels by Charter Notification period are presented in **Annex 1** attached to this paper.

Recommendation

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| 8. WCPFC16 is invited to note the paper. |
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TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF NOTIFIED CHARTERED VESSELS BY CCM, BY GEAR AND BY YEAR
(as at 19 November 2019)

<u>Chartering CCMs</u>	<u>Gear**</u>	<u>Flag CCM</u>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
American Samoa Commonwealth of Northern Marianas	longline	United States of America										141	138
Cook Islands	longline	China						5	5	28	26	18	
Cook Islands	longline	Federated States of Micronesia									1		
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	China						32	28	28	29	54	57
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	Chinese Taipei							13	10			7
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	Vanuatu											1
Fiji	longline	China	11	14	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	8
Fiji	longline	Fiji		6	6	2							
Guam	longline	United States of America							136	148			
Kiribati	longline	China							16	36	13	9	36
Kiribati	longline	Fiji							4	4	4	2	1
Kiribati	purse-seine	China						9	11	16	11	10	14
Kiribati	purse-seine	Japan				1	1	1					
Korea (Republic of)	fish carrier	Panama		1	1	3	3	3	3	2	2	2	2
Korea (Republic of)	fish carrier	Vanuatu			1	1	1	1					
Korea (Republic of)	fish carrier	Russia						1	1	1			
Marshall Islands	longline	China							2	24	35	32	24
Marshall Islands	purse-seine	China								2	2	2	
New Zealand	longline	Japan		4	4	4	4	5	4	4			

Chartering CCMs	Gear**	Flag CCM	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Palau	longline	Chinese Taipei									35	38	39
Papua New Guinea	longline	Chinese Taipei									1	6	8
Papua New Guinea	longline	Vanuatu										2	2
Samoa	longline	Cook Islands										4	
Samoa	longline	Kiribati									1	1	
Samoa	longline	Chinese Taipei							4	4			
Samoa	longline	Vanuatu								10	18	7	10
Solomon Islands	longline	China		50	48	44		61	60	60		11	4
Solomon Islands	longline	Cook Islands				2		2					
Solomon Islands	longline	Fiji		24	19	13		19	16	16		1	
Solomon Islands	longline	Korea (Republic of)		8									
Solomon Islands	longline	Chinese Taipei		63	75	57	14	55	41	41		50	46
Solomon Islands	longline	Vanuatu		2		18	16	13	3	3			
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	China		5	5	6							
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	Federated States of Micronesia				1							
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	Marshall Islands		1	1								
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	Philippines			2								
total count of individual vessels			11	178	174	162	50	218	493	595	325	540	536
count of fish carriers			0	1	2	4	4	5	4	3	2	2	2
count of longline vessels			11	171	163	151	45	203	478	574	310	383	379
count of purse-seine vessels			0	6	9	7	1	10	11	18	13	12	14

** **Longline** = “Tuna longliner”, “Longliner” or “Freezer Longliner” classification of fishing gear in Record of Fishing Vessels

** **Purse-seine** = “Tuna purse seiner” or “Purse seiner” classification of fishing gear in Record of Fishing Vessels