



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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Update on TCC16 Meeting Arrangements

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you for your high level of engagement in the recent WCPFC TCC HoD and subsequent follow-up with me by some CCMs. As the Acting Chair, it is important to me to understand your views.

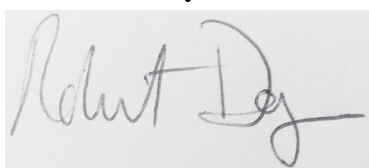
There are a couple of areas that I want to bring to your attention:

1. The online discussion fora are active and discussions there are ongoing and will feed into our TCC discussions (e.g., consideration of CNM status). If you are not engaging in this approach, I encourage you to do so, noting that it will close at midday Friday 18th September (Pohnpei time). As we discussed, while they will not be part of a negotiation or decision-making process per se, they will inform our deliberations in the TCC plenary.
2. The dCMR process is outlined in rev1 of TCC Chair's proposal for developing a Provisional Compliance Monitoring Report (pCMR) at TCC16 (TCC16-2020-09_rev1). I appreciated the comments received from the United States, Chinese Taipei and the Forum Fisheries Agency Secretariat. While the proposal I think speaks for itself a few items to highlight:
 - a. While there was some discussion on the range of issues to be considered, for timeliness I would propose that the deadline compliance issues be taken by exception. Thus, they can be considered if a CCM wishes to have some of them addressed.
 - b. The dCMR and the consideration of the pCMR will be taken in TCC plenary / zoom as we are not using the secure discussion forum. Whether this session is open or closed will be decided by TCC.
 - c. As we will not be taking the aggregate tables into consideration this year, the information that they provide would not serve as a basis for considering the compliance status of the CCM.

3. Concerning a HoD immediately prior to the TCC itself there has been, as you know, a tradition to hold one when we have met in person. Some noted that with a kick off HoD in September that we would not need a second HoD. I have reflected on that and feel that there is benefit to having a short and focused HoD the day before TCC begins to help shape our subsequent discussions. A draft agenda is attached that I feel reflects key issues that would benefit from a brief HoD discussion. I would ask that you reflect on the possible issues to be discussed and provide feedback to me.

I very much value the open discussions that we have had to date as we work to deliver on the Commissions objectives and seek your ongoing flexibility to achieve a successful TCC this year. I am open to discussing how we can best progress our work in the current COVID-19 context. All the best and trust that you are all staying safe and well.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert Day", is centered below the text "Yours sincerely,".

Dr Robert Day
ACTING TCC CHAIR



**TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE
Sixteenth Regular Session
Electronic Meeting
23 – 29 September 2020**

**HEADS OF DELEGATION PROVISIONAL AGENDA
Held online on Tuesday 22 September 2020 from 10.00am Pohnpei time
(Monday 21 September from 23h00 UTC)**

**WCPFC-TCC16-2020-HOD2
16 September 2020**

- 1. Opening Remarks**
- 2. Logistical Arrangements**
 - a. Confirmation of meeting arrangements
 - b. Management of meeting documents
 - c. Rapporteur
- 3. TCC Provisional CMR Process**
- 4. Updates from TCC16 online discussion forum, including Small Working Groups**
- 5. Agenda**
 - a. Discussion on the agenda and any amendments
- 6. Election of Officers**
- 7. Other Issues**