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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 2019-08 *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 2019-08 which expires on 28 February 2022.¹
3. In accordance with CMM 2019-08 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 2019-08 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.”
5. At WCPFC16 the Commission encouraged Chartering CCMs to report on their application of the chartering measure, to EEZs, high seas, or both EEZ and high seas (WCPFC16 Summary Report, paragraph 662)

Overview

¹ This replaced CMM 2016,05 and prior to that was CMM 2015-05, CMM 2012-05, CMM 2011-05 and CMM 2009-08.

6. Paragraph 5 of CMM 2019-08 tasks the Executive Director to make available to all CCMs information submitted under CMM 2019-08. Information received from CCMs on charter arrangements can currently be found in two places on the WCPFC Intranet.
 - 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 2019-08 or its predecessor)
7. In 2020, as at 2 December 2020, the Secretariat received 17 submissions from 7 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 314 individual vessels (300 longliners, 14 purse seine vessels and 2 carrier vessels) that are notified under the Charter Notification Scheme during the 2020 calendar year. In 2020, twenty nine (29) individual longline vessels were notified to have a charter application area of “EEZ only”, and the remaining vessels were either notified or inferred to have a charter application area of “EEZ and high seas”. In addition, there were ten (10) individual longline vessels and two (2) carrier vessels, that are notified under the Charter Notification Scheme for 2020 calendar year and beyond.
8. In accordance with paragraph 6 of CMM 2019-08, 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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| 9. WCPFC17 is invited to note the paper. |
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TABLE 1: SUMMARY OF VESSELS NOTIFIED OF BEING UNDER CHARTER, LEASE OR OTHER MECHANISMS BY CCM, BY GEAR AND BY YEAR (CMM 2019-08 paragraph 6)
(as at 2 December 2020)

<u>Chartering CCMs</u>	<u>Gear**</u>	<u>Flag CCM</u>	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
American Samoa Commonwealth of Northern Marianas	longline	United States of America										141	138	134
Marianas	longline	United States of America							136	146	138	141	139	134
Cook Islands	longline	China Federated States of Micronesia						5	5	28	26	18		
Cook Islands	longline	Micronesia								1				
Federated States of Micronesia														52
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	China						32	28	28	29	54	57	
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	Chinese Taipei							13	10			7	22
Federated States of Micronesia	longline	Vanuatu											1	
Fiji	longline	China	11	14	11	11	11	11	10	10	10	10	8	8
Fiji	longline	Fiji		6	6	2								
Guam	longline	United States of America							136	148				
Kiribati	longline	China							16	36	13	9	36	32
Kiribati	longline	Fiji							4	4	4	2	1	

Chartering														
CCMs	Gear**	Flag CCM	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Kiribati	purse-seine	China						9	11	16	11	10	14	12
Kiribati	purse-seine	Japan				1	1	1						
Korea (Republic of)	fish carrier	Panama		1	1	3	3	3	3	2	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	27
Marshall Islands	purse-seine	China								2	2	2		
New Zealand	longline	Japan		4	4	4	4	5	4	4				
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	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										

Chartering														
CCMs	Gear**	Flag CCM	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Solomon Islands	longline	Chinese Taipei		63	75	57	14	55	41	41		50	46	27
Solomon Islands	longline	Vanuatu		2		18	16	13	3	3				
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	China		5	5	6								
		Federated States of												
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	Micronesia			1									
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	Marshall Islands		1	1									
Solomon Islands	purse-seine	Philippines			2									
total count of individual vessels			11	176	174	162	50	212	351	417	318	383	395	314
count of fish carriers			0	1	2	4	4	5	4	3	2	2	2	2
count of longline vessels			11	169	163	151	45	203	478	574	310	383	379	300
count of purse-seine vessels			0	6	9	7	1	10	11	18	13	12	14	12

** **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