



**SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE ROADMAP INTERSESSIONAL WORKING GROUP
(SPA-Roadmap-IWG)**

ELECTRONIC MEETING
09:00-12:00 (Pohnpei Time), 25 June 2021

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

WCPFC-SPALB-RM-2021-03

OBJECTIVES OF THE MEETING

The principal objective of this meeting is to progress the work on management of South Pacific albacore through the key activities identified in the work plan.

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

1.1 Welcome members – opening remarks

The electronic SPA-RD-IWG02 meeting will start at 9am in Pohnpei time on Friday, 25 June 2021. The Chair will welcome delegations of the WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-members, and Participating Territories (CCMs) and Observers to the SPA-RD-IWG02 meeting.

1.2 Adoption of the agenda

The IWG is invited to review the provisional agenda (WCPFC-SPALB-RM-2021-01) and to make any proposal for amendment prior to their adoption.

1.3 Meeting arrangements- virtual meeting protocols

The online meeting platform for the meeting will be Zoom. The virtual meeting protocols may be briefed as needed to ensure timely progress of the meeting. A track on order of Raised hands will be kept, so that members have priority with the interventions. Members are requested to speak clearly and slowly so that their views are correctly captured by the rapporteurs.

AGENDA ITEM 2. BRIEF RECAP

2.1 Introduction and progress since WCPFC17

A brief presentation on progress update of the IWG work will be done by the Chair. This brief recap will focus on update since the last IWG meeting in November last year, which had discussions on:

- Target Reference Point

- Limit and Allocation
- New CMM

This year the IWG needs to work on prioritizing the activities and layout processes to achieve further progress on the roadmap.

AGENDA ITEM 3. TARGET REFERENCE POINT

3.1 SSP to present on the potential starting points to the trajectories

The Scientific Services Provider (SSP) will present on the potential starting points used in calculating the trajectories to achieving the interim target reference point. Note that here is no working paper for this agenda item.

3.2 SSP to update members on alternative catch pathways to achieve the iTRP.

The SSP will present on alternative catch pathways to achieve interim target reference point within the 20-years period. SPC will present on the working paper (SPALB-RM-2021-WP-01) which was presented in SC16 and in the 1st SPA IWG meeting last year. It will be presented as a refresher for this meeting.

It is important to note that work on achieving the interim target reference point in the 20-years timeframe is already lagging by 3 years and it is important to start considering some substantial progress on trajectories as an initial recovery plan.

Following adoption of a harvest strategy for South Pacific albacore, this recovery plan will be replaced in future. However, until such a harvest strategy is adopted, it is important to work on reducing the catch and effort of this fishery through trajectories.

3.3 Discussion on any options or consensus presented

The members will be invited to provide their views and concerns on the trajectories presented.

It is expected that Members to provide views on the trajectories presented and agree on the best trajectory to achieving the interim target reference point.

AGENDA ITEM 4. LIMITS AND ALLOCATION

4.1 SSP to present on limits and allocation options

SSP will present on limits and allocation options for further management of South Pacific albacore. There is no working and information paper on this.

This agenda item is one of main activities of South Pacific albacore work plan through setting of potential total allowable catch in line with achieving the target reference point and therefore it is vital that discussions on this important issue is progressed.

4.2 Discussion on any options or consensus presented

Members will be invited to discuss the options presented by the SSP.

It is expected that Members to provide their recommendations on the potential limits presented and progress the work further on limits and allocations.

AGENDA ITEM 5. FUTURE AMENDMENTS TO THE CMM 2015-02

5.1 Discussion of future amendments to CMM 2015-02 to incorporate an interim rebuilding plan for South Pacific albacore.

Members will be invited to review CMM 2015-02 and provide views on possible amendments and inclusions to the CMM, particularly in accordance to the two main activities identified in the work plan to enhance a rebuilding plan for South Pacific albacore. Discussions will be invited on

- Review of Convention Area
- Formally identify target reference point in the CMM
- Interim rebuilding plan to achieve TRP within 20 years
- Limit catch and efforts
- Establish an overall total allowable catch
- Enhanced monitoring and reporting systems

AGENDA ITEM 6. FUTURE WORK PLAN

6.1 Agreement of work plan through to WCPFC18

The work plan from the 1st SPA IWG meeting in November 2020 is the extension of activities from 2019 and was not implemented in 2020 due to COVID-19 and further extension in 2021.

Members will be invited to review the Work Plan and provide their inputs on tasking and prioritization of work. Also, Members will provide views on scheduling of the next meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 7. OUTCOMES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

The outcomes document will be circulated to the members after rapporteurs have completed the draft meeting records and outcomes of the meeting. The IWG will then be invited to provide their comments before finalizing the report of the meeting.