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Meeting Arrangements for the Second Workshop on the New Tropical Tuna Measure

Dear All,

Further to Circular 2021/36 of June 2021, I am pleased to advise of the meeting arrangements for the second workshop on the development of a new tropical tuna measure (TTMW2), including the workshop provisional agenda.

The working arrangements for the workshop are as follow:

- a) The Provisional Agenda and Provisional Annotated Agenda for TTMW2 are enclosed as Annexes 1 and 2 respectively. The agenda incorporates to the extent possible, the comments received from the EU and USA who responded to Circular 2021/36. The additional items to the proposed agenda in the said circular are highlighted in red in the Provisional Agenda for ease of reference. The Provisional Annotated Agenda briefly explains the intended scope of each agenda item.
- b) The workshop schedule, in Pohnpei time, is as follow:

Date	Meeting time (inclusive of a 30-minute break)	Comments
Monday 6 September 2021	10:00 to 14:00	Day 1 (start of workshop)
Tuesday 7 September 2021	10:00 to 14:00	Day 2
Wednesday 8 September 2021	Rest day	
Thursday 9 September 2021	10:00 to 14:00	Day 3
Friday 10 September 2021	16:00 to 20:00	Day 4 (end of workshop)

- c) Workshop papers must be provided to the Secretariat for distribution and posting on the workshop webpage by no later than close of business on 6 August 2021, Pohnpei time.
- d) CCMs are requested to submit their delegation papers or proposals, if any, to the Secretariat for distribution and posting on the workshop webpage by the due date in c) above; and
- e) Online Workshop Protocols and registration arrangements for the workshop will be distributed well in advance of the start of the workshop.

For queries on the workshop meeting arrangements please direct them to the Executive Director at feleti.teo@wcpfc.int and copied to the Executive Assistant at arlene.takesy@wcpfc.int.

I wish you well and thank you once again for your continued cooperation.

Stay safe and well.

Yours sincerely,



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WCPFC CHAIR



DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TROPICAL TUNA MEASURE

PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR TTMW2

[Online, from 6 to 10 September 2021]

- 1. Opening of Workshop**
 - 1.1. Opening remarks by Chair
 - 1.2. Adoption of agenda
 - 1.3. Workshop meeting arrangements
- 2. Update on intersessional activities since TTMW1**
 - 2.1. Chair and CCMs to provide update (if any) on any intersessional discussions related to the new tropical tuna measure.
- 3. Outcomes of additional analysis and information by SSP**
 - 3.1. Summary of Requests at TTMW1, results and key points.
- 4. Management Objectives**
 - 4.1. Recap of the Chair's Summary of Discussions on Management Objectives at TTMW1
 - 4.2. Current objectives **and baseline periods** versus new objectives
 - 4.2.1. Bigeye and yellowfin
 - 4.2.2. Skipjack
 - 4.3. Balance between fisheries
 - 4.4. Social economic considerations
- 5. Management Options**
 - 5.1. Purse seine fishery
 - 5.1.1. Zone based effort control
 - 5.1.2. High seas effort control
 - 5.1.3. Effort control north of 20N and south of 20S
 - 5.1.4. FAD Set Management
 - 5.1.4.1. **FAD control:** closure periods **or other measures**
 - 5.1.4.2. Non-entangling and biodegradable FADs
 - 5.1.4.3. Instrumented buoys
 - 5.1.5. Catch retention
 - 5.2. Longline fishery
 - 5.2.1. Bigeye catch limit
 - 5.2.2. Reporting requirements for catch limits
 - 5.2.3. Hard limits and allocation
 - 5.3. Other commercial fisheries for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack
 - 5.4. Capacity management for certain purse seine and longline fleets
 - 5.5. **Other related issues**

- 5.5.1. Chartering arrangements
- 5.5.2. “No data – no fish” provision
- 5.5.3. Catch retention for longline and other commercial fisheries

6. MCS measures and reporting requirements

- 6.1. Observer coverage requirements
 - 6.1.1. Purse seine observer coverage
 - 6.1.2. Processes to support safe redeployment of observers on vessels
 - 6.1.3. Observer coverage requirements for longline and other commercial fisheries
- 6.2. VMS requirements during FAD closure
- 6.3. Data provision
- 6.4. Other reporting and MCS measures to support the monitoring and effectiveness of management options for tropical tunas
 - 6.4.1. Transshipment management
 - 6.4.2. Observer reports for investigation

7. Requests for further analysis and information by SSP

8. Other Matters

9. Workshop Outcomes

- 9.1. The Chair to issue a Chair’s Report outlining the key points of discussions and outcomes of the workshop.

10. Close of workshop



DEVELOPMENT OF A NEW TROPICAL TUNA MEASURE

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA FOR TTMW2

[Online, from 6 to 10 September 2021]

1. Opening of Workshop

1.1. Opening remarks by Chair

The Chair will open the workshop at 10.00am Pohnpei time on Monday 6 September 2021.

1.2. Adoption of agenda

The Chair will present the provisional agenda for adoption.

1.3. Workshop meeting arrangements

The Chair will explain the meeting arrangements, including the meeting schedule.

2. Update on intersessional activities since TTMW1

2.1. Chair and CCMs to provide update (if any) on any intersessional discussions related to the new tropical tuna measure.

The Chair to invite CCMs to provide (if any) updates on any relevant intersessional discussions since the first workshop.

3. Outcomes of additional analysis and information by SSP

3.1. Summary of Requests at TTMW1, results and key points.

The Scientific Services Provider will present the outcomes of its analysis of the requests from the first workshop.

4. Management Objectives

4.1. Recap of the Chair's Summary of Discussions on Management Objectives at TTMW1

The Chair will provide a recap of the Chair's Summary of Discussions on Management Objectives at the first workshop.

4.2. Current objectives and baseline periods versus new objectives

The workshop will reconvene discussions on the appropriate starting point for discussion of management objectives in the new measure.

4.2.1. Bigeye and yellowfin

The workshop to discuss the management objectives for bigeye and yellowfin.

4.2.2. Skipjack

The workshop to discuss the management objectives for skipjack.

4.3. Balance between fisheries

The workshop to reconvene discussions on maintaining the appropriate balance between the longline fishery and the purse seine fishery.

4.4. Social and economic considerations

The workshop to reconvene discussions on incorporating social and economic considerations into management objectives.

5. Management Options

5.1. Purse seine fishery

The workshop will consider management options for the purse seine fishery.

5.1.1. Zone based effort control

The workshop will consider the continued relevance of zoned-based purse seine effort control in paragraph 25 of CMM 2020-01.

5.1.2. High seas effort control

The workshop will consider the continued relevance of high seas purse seine effort controls in paragraphs 26, 28, and 30 of CMM 2020-01.

5.1.3. Effort control north of 20N and south of 20S

The workshop will consider the continued relevance of purse seine effort control measures for areas north of 20N and south of 20S in paragraph 27 of CMM 2020-01.

5.1.4. FAD Set Management

The workshop will consider the various FAD management measures.

5.1.4.1. FAD control: closure periods or other measures

The workshop will consider the FAD control measures in paragraphs 16, 17 and 18 in CMM 2020-01 and other FAD control measures.

5.1.4.2. Non-entangling and biodegradable FADs

The workshop will review paragraphs 19, 20, 21 and 22 of CMM 2020-01 as they relate to non-entangling and bio-degradable FADs.

5.1.4.3. Instrumented buoys

The workshop will review paragraphs 23 and 24 of CMM 2020-01 as they relate to measures related to drifting FADs with activated instrumented buoys.

5.1.5. Catch retention

The workshop will review paragraphs 31 and 32 of CMM 2020-01 as they relate to catch retention in the purse seine fishery.

5.2. Longline fishery

The workshop will consider management options for the longline fishery.

5.2.1. Bigeye catch limit

The workshop will review paragraphs 39, 42 and 43 of CMM 2020-01 as they relate to bigeye catch limits. The workshop will also consider other possible limits for bigeye including area-tailored limits.

5.2.2. Reporting requirements for catch limits

For ease of reference, the workshop will consider here paragraph 41 of CMM 2020-01 which relate to reporting requirements for longline catch limits.

5.2.3. Hard limits and allocation

The workshop will review paragraph 44 of CMM 2020-01 which relates to agreement on hard limits for bigeye and a framework to allocate those limits.

5.3. Other commercial fisheries for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack

The workshop will consider appropriate measures to manage other commercial fisheries including paragraphs 50 and 51 of CMM 2020-01.

5.4. Capacity management for certain purse seine and longline fleets

The workshop will review paragraphs 45, 46, 47, 48 and 49 of CMM 2020-01 as they relate to capacity management of certain purse seine and longline fleet.

5.5. Other related issues

5.5.1. Charter arrangements

The workshop will review paragraphs 8 and 9 of CMM 2020-01 as they relate to charter arrangements.

5.5.2. “No data – no fish” provision

The workshop will consider the relevance of a “no data – no fish” provision in the new measure.

5.5.3. Catch retention for longline and other commercial fisheries

The workshop will consider the relevance of a provision for catch retention for longline and other commercial fisheries in the new measure.

6. MCS measures and reporting requirements

6.1. Observer coverage requirements

The workshop will consider observer coverage requirements for the new measure.

6.1.1. Purse seine observer coverage

The workshop will review paragraphs 34 and 35 of CMM 2020-01 as they relate to purse seine observer coverage. The workshop will also review observer coverage for the purse seine fishery, in light of the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, in the new measure.

6.1.2. Processes to support safe redeployment of observers on vessels

The workshop will review appropriate arrangements to support the safe redeployment of observers on fishing vessels.

6.1.3. Observer coverage requirements for longline and other commercial fisheries

The workshop will review observer coverage requirements for longline and other commercial fisheries.

6.2. VMS requirements during FAD closure

The workshop will review paragraph 33 and 37 of CMM 2020-01 as they relate to VMS requirements during the FAD closure.

6.3. Data provision

The workshop will review the continued relevance of the data provision requirements in paragraphs 52, 53 and 54 of CMM 2020-01.

6.4. Other reporting and MCS measures to support the monitoring and effectiveness of management options for tropical tunas

The workshop will review other reporting and MCS measures to support the monitoring and effectiveness of management options under the new measure.

6.4.1. Transshipment management

The workshop will discuss transshipment management as they relate to the new measure.

6.4.2. Observer reports for investigation

The workshop will discuss the issue of facilitating early provision of observer reports for investigation purposes. Paragraph 36 of CMM 2020-01 may also be relevant.

7. Requests for further analysis and information by SSP

The workshop will consider any new requests for further analysis and information by the Scientific Service Provider before WCPFC18.

8. Other Matters

CCMs to raise any other matters they may wish to discuss that are not otherwise covered elsewhere in the agenda.

9. Workshop Outcomes

9.1. The Chair to issue a Chair's Report outlining the key points of discussions and outcomes of the workshop.

The Chair to explain the arrangements for the issuance of the Chair's Report.

10. Close of workshop

The Chair to close the workshop at around 8pm (Pohnpei time) on Friday 10 September 2021.