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Sharing Chair's plan for running the 2nd Tropical Tuna Measure Workshop (TTMW2)

Dear All,

As we are heading towards the 2nd workshop on the management of tropical tuna, I thought it would be helpful if I shared my plan on how I would run TTMW2 so that we can make the best out of our limited time next week.

A. Time management

As agreed, we are going to have four hours each day, and I intend to provide a 20-30 minute break after the first two hours. Depending on how our discussions go, the break may serve as a breakout session.

I will try to keep our meeting within the four hour cap to the extent possible, but would like to ask for your kind understanding in advance that we may need to have some extensions to make progress. Having said so, mindful of the different time zones and other schedules that CCMs may have, I will keep this possibility to a minimum.

The list of documents is posted on the meeting page of the website. I suggest that CCMs will consider those documents read and not be presented unless necessity warrants a verbal/visual presentation.

B. Agenda

We have quite a long list of items to be addressed at TTMW2, so efficiency is essential to get our work done.

1. Opening of Workshop

The ED and I will provide a brief opening statement, and I will cover “workshop arrangements (1.3)” during my opening. If CCMs would like to revise agenda, it would be very helpful if the Secretariat and I could get a heads up.

2. Update on intersessional activities since TTMW1.

This will give CCMs an opportunity to share any progress or update between TTMW1 and TTMW 2, and it would be appreciated any update could be shared with me and the Secretariat in advance of the meeting if possible. If none, I expect this item will be ticked off quickly.

3. Outcomes of additional analysis and information by SSP

SSP will present the outcomes of its analysis of the requests from TTMW1. Floor will be open for questions, both clarifying and substantive. As some of the outcomes and analysis would be relevant to discussions under other agenda items, this agenda will be kept open so they could be revisited as needed.

4. Management Objectives

This will be the main part of our workshop, and I hope we can make as much progress as possible. I will start off with my brief recap of our discussions at TTMW1 to set the scene.

After that, CCMs will be invited to discuss current objectives and baseline periods versus new objectives for the three tropical tuna stocks. The balance between fisheries and socioeconomic considerations will also be discussed.

CCMs would recall that at the first workshop there was general support for the notion of taking into account social and economic considerations / factors in formulating management objectives in the new measure. However, there was little guidance on what are those considerations / factors and the weight they bear in the formulation of management objectives. So, this agenda item provides another opportunity to continue that conversation with the view to arrive at some clear guidance on what are those social considerations and how to reflect them in the management objectives of the new measure.

I recall that some CCMs indicated they may come up with a proposal that addresses this consideration, but there has been no submission of papers. If there is any update, CCMs will be given the opportunity to present it if time allows.

5 and 6. Management Options and MCS Measures and Reporting Requirements

Our top priority for TTMW2 will be to get Management Objectives agreed to the extent possible, since many other elements to be included in a new tropical tuna measure depend on Management Objectives.

With that understanding, the intention of these agenda items is for CCMs to agree which elements (5.1-5.5, 6.1-6.4) will be retained (with or without changes) /deleted / newly introduced in a new tropical tuna measure.

Most sub items under agenda 5 and 6 are from the current tropical tuna measure. Therefore, rather than having detailed discussions on each sub item, I suggest that CCMs simply consider (i) whether or not to include (retain) each item, and (ii) if yes, if there is any revision necessary. There are some elements that are not from the current measure, (e.g. “5.5.2-no data, no fish provisions, 6.4.2-observer reports for investigation, etc), which have been included at the requests of some CCMs. I expect there will be discussions around these items.

The Secretariat has prepared a Reference Paper (WCPFC-TTMW2-2021-02) to facilitate and guide discussions and consideration of management options under these agenda items. The Reference Paper annotates the sub-agenda item to indicate the relevant existing provision of the current tropical tuna measure (CMM 2021-01). It also includes the Secretariat’s comments on how those provisions of the CMM 2020-01 and their predecessors were implemented and monitored through the Compliance Monitoring Scheme. I encourage CCMs to read this paper in advance of the meeting as it will help us greatly in navigating through agenda 5 and 6.

7. Requests for further analysis

I intend to keep this agenda open from Day 1 to get on board relevant requests as we move through each agenda item and have the opportunity to tidy them up under agenda 7 after CCMs have had sufficient discussions on agenda 3-6 so that we could provide the SSP an agreed list of further analyses. I intend to take the same approach as the one that we took at TTMW1 in making the list, where I provide a provisional list of candidate requests initially and invite CCMs to sort them out in line with priority and workability of the SSP. Mindful of the workload of the SSP, I would like to remind CCMs that we will refrain from taking requests from individual CCMs unless they get general agreement.

8. Other Matters

If there are any matters that have not been addressed in other agenda items, those will be taken up here. I haven’t received any requests so far for this agenda, but please feel free to let me and the Secretariat know in advance if any issue comes up.

I believe this agenda will also serve as a good opportunity for us to discuss options for our next steps on developing a draft new measure for consideration at WCPFC 18 in December.

9. Workshop Outcomes

As in TTMW1, the outcomes of this workshop will be in the form of a Chair’s Report, summarizing the key discussion points without any attribution and the outcomes of the discussions. An outline of the presentations will also be included in the Report.

C. Before I close..

I appreciate CCMs for your intersessional contribution and efforts, and I hope we can make as much progress as possible at this workshop so that we can adopt a new measure for tropical tuna in December. I will keep my communication channel open at all times for you, so please contact me via email (riley1126@korea.kr/ rileykim1126@gmail.com), Skype (rileykim1126@gmail.com) or WhatsApp (+82-10-8308-1019).

See you all next week, and keep safe and in good health.



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