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Background

As of July 1 2011, the Eastern High Seas Pocket, which is the area of high seas bounded by the Exclusive Economic Zones of the Cook Islands to the west, French Polynesia to the east and Kiribati to the north) is considered a special management area. The rules for the EHSP-SMA are set out in CMM 2010-02. In accordance with the CMM, the three surrounding CCMs (Cook Islands, French Polynesia and Kiribati) and WCPFC Secretariat receive near-real time WCPFC VMS data for the EHSP-SMA, and copies of reports that vessels are required to submit to the Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 2 of CMM 2010-02. Since July 2011, the WCPFC Secretariat has maintained on the secure section of the WCPFC website a “live” list of vessels in EHSP-SMA of vessels operating in the area in any 24 hour period which is based on WCPFC VMS data. In accordance with specifications that were developed by the EHSP-SMA parties, access to the EHSP-SMA page is limited to the EHSP-SMA parties and the Secretariat.

At TCC8, the Cook Islands presented a compliance review of the Eastern High Seas Pocket (EHSP) for the first year of implementation of the special management area (SMA) established by CMM 2010-02 (WCPFC-TCC8-2012-DP-03). TCC8 recommended that additional resources be provided to the Secretariat for ongoing MCS data entry and analysis to support the EHSP special management area, subject to discussions related to the TCC Work Plan and Budget. TCC8 also recommended that the Secretariat undertake a further review of compliance issues relevant to the ESHP special management area and present its findings to WCPFC9.

This paper responds in part to the second of the TCC8 recommendations, and presents a preliminary analysis of the EHSP-SMA information received to date by the Secretariat. The first recommendation is addressed in papers by the Secretariat to FAC6 (WCPFC9-2012-FAC16 IMS and WCPFC9-2012-FAC06 on staff establishment).

VMS Monitoring

The number of vessels by flag that operated in the SMA since 1st July 2011 as tracked by WCPFC VMS is shown in Table 1.

Table1. Number of fishing vessels by flag which reported to WCPFC VMS within EHSP-SMA (for period 1 July 2011 – 19 Nov 2012)

| Flag | 2011 | 2012 |
|----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Cook Islands | 4 | 2 |
| China | 9 | 53 |
| Cyprus | | 1 |
| Fiji | 11 | 23 |
| Japan | | 1 |
| Kiribati | 1 | 1 |
| Liberia | | 1 |
| Chinese Taipei | 17 | 23 |
| United States | 1 | 4 |
| Vanuatu | 4 | 4 |
| Total | 47 | 113 |

Entry/ Exit Manual Reporting

CMM 2010-02 paragraph 2 requires vessels to report Entry, Exit, catch on board and intended activity in the EHSP-SMA. A catch report database has been established from the reports received by the Secretariat. A summary of reported entries and exits by flag during the period 1 July 2011 – 19 Nov 2012, is shown in Table 2 and Table 3 respectively.

Table 2. Number of Reported Entries in EHSP-SMA

| Flag | 2011 | | 2012 | |
|----------------|---------------------|------------------|---------------------|------------------|
| | # of Vessels | # Entries | # of Vessels | # Entries |
| China | 10 | 15 | 31 | 65 |
| Chinese Taipei | 17 | 21 | 28 | 70 |
| Cook Islands | | | 1 | 1 |
| Fiji | 1 | 1 | 6 | 8 |
| Japan | | | 3 | 3 |
| Kiribati | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Vanuatu | 2 | 4 | 5 | 5 |
| Total | 31 | 43 | 75 | 154 |

Table 3. Number of Reported Exits in EHSP-SMA

| Flag | 2011 | | 2012 | |
|----------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|
| | # of Vessels | # Exits | # of Vessels | # Exits |
| China | 8 | 11 | 23 | 41 |
| Chinese Taipei | 18 | 32 | 25 | 75 |
| Cook Islands | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Fiji | | | 6 | 9 |
| Japan | | | 2 | 2 |
| Kiribati | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Vanuatu | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| Total | 31 | 49 | 60 | 132 |

High Seas Transshipment reporting

In accordance with paragraph 2 of CMM 2010-02, only five (5) longline vessels indicated in their manual ENTRY/EXIT of their intention to transship in the EHSP-SMA during December – June 2012 (for seven transshipment events). During the period 1 July 2011 – 19 Nov 2012, the WCPFC Secretariat received one (1) notice and declaration in accordance with CMM 2009-06 paragraph 35 for a single transshipment event occurring in the EHSP-SMA. It appears that neither of these vessels had provided manual entry and exit reports to the WCPFC for EHSP-SMA.

Preliminary indications of non-compliance with VMS and RFV requirements

A preliminary analysis of the information from the WCPFC VMS and EHSP-SMA reporting does confirm some of the findings of the EHSP-SMA parties to TCC8 regarding potential non-compliance with WCPFC VMS and RFV requirements. During the period 1 July 2011 – 19 November 2012:

- Four longline vessels that have been present in EHSP-SMA do not appear to currently be listed on the WCPFC RFV or WCPFC Interim Register;
- The number of transshipment notices and declarations by the Secretariat is less than the number of manual entry reports which stated “Y” regarding transshipment activities;

- The number of vessels that were reported by the WCPFC VMS to have been present (could be fishing or could be transiting) in the EHSP-SMA were greater than the number of manual entry and exit reports received by the WCPFC Secretariat.
- Eight vessels appear to have provided EHSP-SMA entry and exit reports to the WCPFC Secretariat, but are not currently on WCPFC VMS. The WCPFC Secretariat is currently checking records to confirm whether WCPFC VMS manual position reports from these vessels were received.

A list of vessels that were reported to have operated within the EHSP-SMA, as detected by WCPFC VMS and/or provided manual reports to WCPFC Secretariat in accordance with paragraph 2 of CMM 2010-02 is provided in Annex 1.

Final remarks

The Secretariat notes that paragraph 7 of CMM 2010-02, that vessels found to be non-compliant with this measure shall be dealt with in accordance with CMM 2007-03, and any other applicable measures adopted by the Commission. The Secretariat will be further examining information regarding possible non-compliance by their vessels with requirements of the EHSP-SMA CMM, as well as CMM 2009-01 and CMM 2011-02. The Secretariat intends to consult further with EHSP-SMA parties and flag CCMs regarding these findings once confirmed.

Finally, the Secretariat notes that the current guidelines of implementation for the EHSP-SMA appear to be inconsistent with paragraph 5 CMM 2010-02, by limiting access to the EHSP-SMA secure webpage to EHSP-SMA parties, and not providing access to all WCPFC members.

ANNEX 1. List of vessels that have transited or fished in the EHSP-SMA during the period 1 July 2011 – 19 Nov 2012

| FLAG | NAME | CALLSIGN | VESSEL_TYPE |
|--------------|---------------------|----------|-------------|
| COOK ISLANDS | CHONG MYONG 707 | E5U2107 | LONGLINE |
| COOK ISLANDS | CHONG MYONG 709 | E5U2352 | LONGLINE |
| COOK ISLANDS | GRACE | E5U 2209 | LONGLINE |
| COOK ISLANDS | GRACE 1 | E5U 2210 | LONGLINE |
| COOK ISLANDS | KEMA | E5U2157 | LONGLINE |
| COOK ISLANDS | LEAH DAWN | E5U2108 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | DONG YU JI 19 | BKWR | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | FU YUAN YU 558 | BZ7US | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HAI XING 715 | BZ7VG | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HAI XING 716 | BZ8VG | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HAI XING 717 | BZ9VG | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HONG YANG 2 | BBLY1 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HONG YANG 3 | BBLY2 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HONG YANG 8 | BIW8 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HONG YANG 9 | BIW9 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HONG YANG NO.88 | BBIO8 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HONG YANG NO.89 | BBIO9 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HUA NAN YU 711 | BZXD22 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HUA NAN YU 712 | BZXD23 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HUA NAN YU 716 | BZXD24 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HUA NAN YU 717 | BZXD25 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HUA NAN YU 718 | BZXD26 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HUA NAN YU 719 | BZXD27 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HUA NAN YU 721 | BZXD28 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | HUA NAN YU 722 | BZXD29 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | JIN SHENG 3 | BZZY7 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | LU RONG YU SHUI 228 | BBLZ2 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | LU RONG YUAN YU 25 | BBKF | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | LU RONG YUAN YU 26 | BBKO | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | LU RONG YUAN YU 27 | BBZN2 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | LU RONG YUAN YU 28 | BBZN3 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | LU RONG YUAN YU 29 | BBZN4 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | LU RONG YUAN YU 30 | BBZN5 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 13 | BZ9VD | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 19 | BZ2VT | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 25 | BZ3VT | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 29 | BZ4VT | LONGLINE |

| FLAG | NAME | CALLSIGN | VESSEL_TYPE |
|--------|---------------------|----------|--------------|
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 31 | BZ7VE | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 39 | BZ8VE | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 49 | BZ5VT | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 6 | BZ9UN | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 8 | BZ2UO | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | PING TAI RONG 9 | BZ8VD | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 16 | BBLZ8 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 17 | BBLZ9 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 18 | BBGA6 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 19 | BBGA7 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 28 | BBGA8 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 29 | BBGA9 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 6 | BBLZ4 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 7 | BBLZ5 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 8 | BBLZ6 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG DA YANG 9 | BBLZ7 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG YUAN YU 86 | BBIE | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG YUAN YU 87 | BBIE1 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG YUAN YU 88 | BBIE2 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | RONG YUAN YU 89 | BBIE3 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | SHEN GANG FA NO.1 | BZXD4 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | SHEN LIAN CHENG 760 | BZXC32 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | SUNSTAR 6 | BZTH9 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | SUNSTAR 7 | BZTY2 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | TIAN XIANG NO.16 | BZYI6 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | XIN SHI JI 12 | BZUS9 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | ZHONG RONG 13 | BBFB3 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | ZHONG RONG 15 | BBFB4 | LONGLINE |
| CHINA | ZHONG SHUI 702 | BZZZ6 | LONGLINE |
| CYPRUS | ANGARA | C4WS2 | FISH CARRIER |
| FIJI | CHUNG KUO NO.86 | 3DOO | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | CHUNG KUO NO.91 | 3DOF | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | CHUNG KUO NO.95 | 3DOX | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | FENGYUH NO.6 | 3DWF | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | HSINLONG NO.1 | 3DWI | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | HSINLONG NO.5 | 3DWM | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | RISING 6 | 3DZL | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | RITUNA 1 | 3DZF | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | RITUNA 2 | 3DZI | LONGLINE |

| FLAG | NAME | CALLSIGN | VESSEL_TYPE |
|----------------|-----------------------|----------|----------------------------|
| FIJI | RITUNA NO.3 | 3DUL | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | RUIFENG NO.1 | 3DUF | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | RUIFENG NO.2 | 3DUG | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | RUIFENG NO.3 | 3DUK | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | SUN STAR 2 | 3DSR | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | SUN STAR 3 | 3DOQ | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | SUNSHINE 6 | 3DZB | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | WINNING 6 | 3DZK | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | ZHONG DA 3 | 3DOP | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | ZHONG DA 5 | 3DNS | LONGLINE |
| FIJI | ZHONG DA 6 | 3DNT | LONGLINE |
| JAPAN | CHOKYU MARU NO.68 | 7LQK | |
| JAPAN | KAIHATSU MARU | JGOG | Research - Training Vessel |
| JAPAN | KAISEI MARU NO.8 | JCMK | |
| KIRIBATI | SHIN HO CHUN 101 | T3LR | FISH CARRIER |
| KIRIBATI | SHIN HO CHUN 102 | T3LN | FISH CARRIER |
| PANAMA | FRIO HAMBURG | 3EWN9 | FISH CARRIER |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | CHI FA NO.888 | BG3681 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | CHU HUAI NO.368 | BJ4592 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | CHU HUAI NO.628 | BJ4953 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | CHU HUAI NO.638 | BJ4988 | |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | CHU HUAI NO.668 | BJ4791 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | CHU HUAI NO.826 | BJ4895 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | HOU CHUN NO.1 | BH3292 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | LI CHYUN 2 | BI2376 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | LIAN JI FA NO.212 | BJ4974 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | LIEN CHI FA No.24 | BJ4877 | |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | LUNG SOON NO.126 | BH3249 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | MING HORNG YU NO.123 | BJ4588 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | MING JYH FWU NO.16 | BJ4923 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHENG I TSAI 688 | BG3685 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHENG JYI SHYANG NO.1 | BH3380 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHIN JAAN SHIN | BJ4817 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHIN JAAN SHIN 101 | BJ4976 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHIN JAAN SHIN 66 | BJ4960 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.102 | BJ4588 | |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.103 | | |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHIN SHUEN FAR | BJ4908 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHUENN SHING NO.66 | BJ4955 | LONGLINE |

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|----------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------------|
| CHINESE TAIPEI | SHUNN SHING 626 | BG3671 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | YU LONG | BJ4707 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | YU LONG 2 | BJ4874 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | YU LONG FA NO.22 | BJ4878 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | YU LONG FA NO.36 | BJ4931 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | YU LONG No.10 | BJ4806 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | YU LONG NO.12 | BJ3721 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | YU LONG NO.18 | BJ4536 | LONGLINE |
| CHINESE TAIPEI | YUH YI FA NO.168 | BH-3386 | LONGLINE |
| UNITED STATES | DANIELA | WDD5649 | SINGLE PURSE SEINE |
| UNITED STATES | GLORIA PARK | WDB5136 | LONGLINE |
| UNITED STATES | MEE JIN PARK | WDD3232 | LONGLINE |
| UNITED STATES | SOUTHERN HORIZON | WDE9588 | LONGLINE |
| UNITED STATES | WESTERN PACIFIC | WDD5296 | SINGLE PURSE SEINE |
| VANUATU | CHUNG KUO NO.232 | YJRW8 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | CHUNG KUO NO.818 | YJRY3 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | CHUNG KUO NO.828 | YJRY4 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | CHUNG KUO NO.858 | YJRY9 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | FORTUNA NO.1 | YJRT2 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | FORTUNA NO.12 | YJRT5 | |
| VANUATU | GILONTAS NO.168 | YJQZ5 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | Longbow 7 | YJRT7 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | NINE LUCKY NO.6 | YJSY4 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | SHIN JAAN SHIN NO.168 | YJRT3 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | YUH CHANG 1 | YJSJ7 | LONGLINE |
| VANUATU | YUH YUEAN 3 | YJSZ8 | LONGLINE |