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PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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**WCPFC18 Provisional Agenda – Revision 1**

Dear All,

Further to Circular 2021/84 of 5 October 2021, I wish to advise that at the due date of 1 November 2021 for comments on the Provisional Agenda for WCPFC18, I only received comments from the United States of America; a copy of the email conveying those comments is enclosed for ease of reference.

In response to those comments and as guided by the Commission Chair, I enclose the Revised Provisional Agenda and Revised Annotated Agenda which now include a new sub-agenda 7.6 on North Pacific striped marlin.

The Revised Provisional Agenda and Revised Provisional Annotated Agenda are also posted on the WCPFC18 website: <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/18th-regular-session-wcpfc>.

If there is any query or comment concerning this circular, please direct it to me at [feleti.teo@wcpfc.int](mailto:feleti.teo@wcpfc.int).

Yours sincerely,



**Feleti Penitala Teo, OBE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA - Revision 1**

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA – Revision 1**

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**AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING**

The Commission Chair, Ms Jung-re Riley Kim (Korea) will open the meeting on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2021 (Pohnpei time) at a time to be designated.

**1.1 Adoption of agenda**

The Chair will present the Provisional Agenda for consideration and adoption.

**1.2 Statements from Members and Participating Territories**

The Chair will request Members and Participating Territories with prepared statements to provide copies to the Secretariat for distribution in advance of meeting and not necessarily to be read out.

**1.3 Meeting arrangements**

The Chair will explain the meeting arrangements and the meeting schedule.

**1.3.1 Online meeting protocols**

The Chair will, with the assistance of the Secretariat, explain the key online meeting protocols.

**1.3.2 Establishment of small working groups (CNMs, CMR, others)**

The Commission will consider the need to establish small working groups to progress consideration of specific issues and report back to plenary, and their working arrangements.

**AGENDA ITEM 2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

The Executive Director's Annual Report will be posted on to the Online Discussion Forum for exchange of views and comments and taken as read, however, further comments and questions on the report may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

**AGENDA ITEM 3. MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPLICATIONS**

**3.1 Status of the Convention**

The Report by the Depositary (New Zealand) of the WCPF Convention will be taken as read, however, comments and questions on the report may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

**3.2 Update on Observer status**

The Secretariat's updated report on observer status will be taken as read, however, comments and questions on the report may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

### **3.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status**

The Commission will consider and decide on the applications for CNM status in 2022, including the recommendations from TCC17 on those applications. A small working group is expected to review the applications and report back to plenary.

#### **3.3.1 Participatory rights of CNMs**

In accordance with paragraphs 12 and 13 of CMM 2019-01, the Commission will review the limits of participatory rights of CNMs under the various CMMs.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4. NEW PROPOSALS**

Mindful of the constraints of online meeting, Members with new proposals will be invited to briefly introduce their proposals. The Commission is expected to consider how to progress the discussions of those proposals during the meeting.

## **AGENDA ITEM 5. INTERSESSIONAL DECISIONS IN RESPONSE TO COVID-19**

The Commission will review and decide on its intersessional decisions in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and related issues.

## **AGENDA ITEM 6. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES**

### **6.1 Implementation of Article 30 of WCPFC Convention and CMM 2013-07 (SIDS special requirements)**

The Commission will consider the reports of CCMs in support of the special requirements of developing States as envisaged by article 30 of the WCPF Convention and CMM 2013-07. The reports will be taken as read, however, comments and questions on the reports may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

### **6.2 Updated Strategic Investment Plan**

The Secretariat report on the updated status of the Strategic Investment Plan will be posted onto the Online Discussion Forum for exchange of views and comments. The report will be taken as read however, further comments and question may be entertained in plenary as necessary.

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: WCPO TUNA AND BILLFISH STOCKS**

### **7.1 General overview of status of WCPO stocks**

The Commission will receive brief updates from the Scientific Services Provider (SSP) and ISC on the status of the WCPO tuna and billfish stocks to set the scene for this agenda.

### **7.2 Bigeye, Skipjack and Yellowfin**

The Commission will consider the various issues concerning the management of the tropical tuna stocks with the main focus on the development of the new tropical tuna measure.

#### **7.2.1 Harvest Strategy issues**

With the main focus of WCPFC18 on the new tropical tuna measure, the Commission will consider these elements of the harvest strategy work plan as they relate the new tropical tuna measure.

#### **7.2.1.1 Review target reference point for skipjack**

The Commission will consider the advice and information from SC17 and the SSP on possible formulation of a target reference point for skipjack.

#### **7.2.1.2 Review target reference point for bigeye and yellowfin**

The Commission will consider the advice and information from SC17 and the SSP on possible formulation of target reference points for bigeye and yellowfin, including the results of further analysis requested by SC17 related to the impact of candidate bigeye and yellowfin TRPs on the SP albacore stock (Para 85, SC17 Outcomes Document).

#### **7.2.1.3 Management procedures for skipjack**

As required by the Indicative Work Plan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategy under CMM 2014-06, the Commission is expected to consider in 2021 management procedures for skipjack. With the focus on the new tropical tuna measure, the Commission may consider deferring this work to 2022.

### **7.2.2 Proposed New Measure for Tropical Tuna**

The Chair will present the Chair's proposal for a new tropical tuna measure. The Chair's proposed new tropical tuna measure is a culmination of two dedicated workshops to develop a new tropical tuna measure and a series of intersessional consultations between and among CCMs and between the Chair and CCMs. The Commission will receive the following two reports, before working its way through the Chair's proposal.

#### **7.2.2.1 SSP Analysis of Requests by TTMW2**

The SSP will present the outcomes of its analysis of the requests that were provided to it by the second workshop to develop the new tropical tuna measure (TTMW2).

#### **7.2.2.2 Report of the FAD-MO IWG**

The Commission will consider the aspects of the report of the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group that relate to the FAD provisions of the new tropical tuna measure.

### **7.2.3 Other commercial fisheries for bigeye, skipjack and yellowfin**

The Commission will consider the advice of SC17 and TCC17 on the implementation of paragraphs 50 and 51 of CMM 2020-01.

## **7.3 South Pacific Albacore**

### **7.3.1 Review of the interim target reference point**

The Commission will review the interim target reference point for South Pacific albacore taking into account the advice of SC17 (Para 27, SC17 Outcomes Document) related to a recalibration of the interim TRP in accordance with the process agreed at WCPFC15 (Para 207, WCPFC15 Summary Report).

### **7.3.2 Roadmap for effective conservation and management of SP albacore**

The Commission will receive the report of the Intersessional Working Group tasked to develop the Roadmap for the effective conservation and management of the South Pacific albacore stock.

### **7.3.3 Review of CMM 2015-02**

The Commission will be invited to review CMM 2015-02.

## **7.4 Pacific bluefin tuna**

### **7.4.1 Review of CMM 2019-02**

The Commission will be invited to review any updates on CMM 2019-02.

## **7.5 Southwest Pacific swordfish**

### **7.5.1 Future projections as requested by WCPFC16**

The Commission will consider the SC17 advice and results of the future projections for Southwest Pacific swordfish as tasked by WCPFC16 (para 481, WCPFC16 Summary Report) and SC17 (para 69-71, SC17 Outcomes Document).

### **7.5.2 Review of CMM 2009-03**

The Commission will be invited to review CMM 2009-03.

## **7.6 North Pacific Striped Marlin**

### **7.6.1 Advice from the ISC**

The Commission will assess the information and advice it requested the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean at WCPFC17 concerning the stock status of the NP striped marlin.

### **7.6.2 Review of CMM 2010-01 and an Interim Rebuilding Plan**

The Commission will be invited to review CMM 2010-01 and consider an Interim Rebuilding Plan for the NP striped marlin stock.

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: HARVEST STRATEGY**

### **8.1 Review of Indicative Work Plan**

As required, the Commission is to review and update the Indicative Harvest Strategy Work Plan under CMM 2014-06 for 2022 and onward years.

### **8.2 Science-Management Dialogue**

The Commission to consider the views expressed at SC17 (Paras 101 and 111, SC17 Outcomes Document) on the utility of convening a science-management dialogue to expedite the progress and implementation of the Indicative Harvest Strategy Work Plan.

## **AGENDA ITEM 9: REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES AND WORKING GROUPS**

The reports under this agenda will be taken as read. Only recommendations of the reports not addressed under other agenda items will be considered under this agenda item.

### **9.1 SC17**

A list of SC17 recommendations to WCPFC18 not considered under other agenda items will be presented for the Commission's consideration and decision.

### **9.2 TCC17**

A list of TCC17 recommendations to WCPFC18 not considered under other agenda items will be presented for the Commission's consideration and decision.

### **9.3 NC17**

A list of NC17 recommendations to WCPFC18 not considered under other agenda items will be presented for the Commission's consideration and decision.

### **9.4 Intersessional working groups and intersessional work**



**9.4.1 E-reporting and E-monitoring (ERandEM WG)**

The Commission will receive a brief update from the Chair of the ERandEM WG.

**9.4.2 Transshipment review (TS IWG)**

The Commission will receive a brief update from the Chair of the TS IWG.

**9.4.3 Crew labour standards**

The Commission will receive a brief update from the Co-Leads of the intersessional work on crew labour standards.

**AGENDA ITEM 10: COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME**

**10.1 Consideration and adoption of the Final Compliance Monitoring Report (CMR)**

The Commission will, pursuant to CMM 2019-06, consider the provisional CMR recommended by TCC17 and also taking into account additional information that may be provided by CCMs. A small working group is expected to be established to consider the provisional CMR and compile a Final CMR for the consideration and adoption by the Commission in plenary.

**10.2 Work to progress the CMS future work included in Section IX of CMM 2019-06 Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS-IWG)**

The Commission will receive a brief update from the Chair of the CMS-IWG on progress of work streams under Section IX of CMM 2019-06 to reform and enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the compliance monitoring scheme.

**10.3 Expiry of CMM 2019-06**

The Commission is to consider a successor measure to ensure the continued operation of the CMS beyond the expiry of CMM 2019-06 on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2021.

**10.4 List of obligations to be reviewed by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2022**

The Commission to decide, pursuant to CMM 2019-06, on the List of Obligations to be reviewed by the compliance monitoring scheme in 2022.

**AGENDA ITEM 11: ADOPTION OF THE 2022 IUU VESSEL LIST**

The Commission will consider and adopt, pursuant to CMM 2019-07, the WCPFC 2022 IUU Vessel List.

**AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE FAC15**

**12.1 Report of the Fifteenth Finance and Administration Committee**

The Commission will receive and consider a brief summary of the FAC15 Report.

**12.2 Budget for 2022 and Indicative Budgets for 2023 and 2024**

The Commission will consider for adoption the Budget for 2022 and Indicative Budgets for 2022 and 2023.

**AGENDA ITEM 13: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

**13.1 Election of officers**

The Commission will consider the appointment of the following officers:

- a) SC Chair;

- b) SC Vice Chair; and
- c) FAC C0-Chair.

### **13.2 Future meetings**

The Commission will consider the venues and dates for its next meeting and those of its subsidiary bodies and working groups if required.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 14: OTHER MATTERS**

Due to the constraints of online meeting, CCMs are respectfully asked to advise the Secretariat of any issue they wish to raise under this agenda item by close of business on **Tuesday 16 November 2021** (Pohnpei time). Issues advised after due date may not be entertained.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 15: SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WCPFC18**

The Chair will explain the process for the distribution of the Outcomes Document of the WCPFC18 meeting and the adoption out of session of its Summary Report.

#### **AGENDA ITEM 16: CLOSE OF MEETING**

The meeting is scheduled to close on Tuesday 7 December 2021 (Pohnpei time).

**From:** Tom Graham - NOAA Federal <tom.graham@noaa.gov>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 30, 2021 5:30 PM  
**To:** Feleti Teo <Feleti.Teo@wcpfc.int>  
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**Subject:** WCPFC18 - USA proposal and supplemental agenda item request

Dear Feleti,

First, the United States would like to submit to WCPFC18 the attached proposal to revise the shark CMM. We would appreciate you making this available to other delegations to WCPFC18.

Second, the United States would like to request a supplemental agenda item for WCPFC18 on North Pacific striped marlin, along the following lines:

North Pacific Striped Marlin

(1) Requests to the ISC: The Commission will review responses from the ISC on requests made by WCPFC17.

(2) Review of CMM 2010-01 and Interim Rebuilding Plan: The Commission is invited to review CMM 2010-01, and to discuss how to progress implementation of the Interim Rebuilding Plan for the North Pacific striped marlin stock adopted at WCPFC16.

To explain a little further: Regarding the first part, WCPFC17 made specific requests to the ISC regarding its assessment of NP striped marlin (see paragraph 250), and we understand the ISC is prepared to report back to the Commission. We also understand that the ISC is seeking clarification on one aspect of the interim rebuilding target that will help it provide the Commission with the best information going forward. We are prepared to offer specific suggestions for the Commission's consideration on that issue. Regarding the second part of the requested agenda item, we think it is important for CCMs to discuss this year how to make progress on rebuilding, even if no specific proposals are offered.

We don't anticipate this agenda item to take much time, particularly because we don't expect any proposals on the topic to be submitted (at least not from the United States).

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you and best regards, Tom

**Tom Graham**

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