

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**TENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Majuro, Republic of the Marshall Islands

6-14 August 2014

**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

**WCPFC-SC10-2014/02**

1. **OPENING OF THE MEETING**
   1. **Welcome address**
   2. **Meeting arrangements**
   3. **Issues arising from the Commission**
   4. **Adoption of agenda**
   5. **Reporting arrangements**
   6. **Intersessional activities of the Scientific Committee**
2. **REVIEW OF FISHERIES**
   1. **Overview of Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPO) fisheries**
   2. **Overview of Eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) fisheries**
   3. **Annual Report – Part 1 from Members, Cooperating Non-Members, and Participating Territories (CCMs)**
   4. **Reports from regional fisheries bodies and other organizations**
3. **DATA AND STATISTICS THEME**
   1. **Data gaps**
      1. Data gaps of the Commission
      2. Species composition of purse-seine catches
      3. Data issues with the ISC
   2. **Regional Observer Programme**
   3. **Electronic monitoring and electronic reporting**
4. **STOCK ASSESSMENT THEME** 
   1. **WCPO tunas**
      1. **WCPO bigeye tuna**
         1. Review of research and information
      2. Progress report on Project 35 (Refinement of bigeye parameters Pacific-wide)
      3. Progress on Project 70
      4. Progress on Project 69
      5. Review of 2014 bigeye tuna stock assessment
         1. Provision of scientific information
5. Stock status and trends
6. Management advice and implications
   * 1. **WCPO yellowfin tuna**
        1. Review of research and information
7. Review of 2014 yellowfin tuna stock assessment
   * + 1. Provision of scientific information
8. Status and trends
9. Management advice and implications
   * 1. **WCPO skipjack tuna**
        1. Review of research and information
10. Review of 2014 skipjack tuna stock assessment
    * + 1. Provision of scientific information
11. Status and trends
12. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **South Pacific albacore tuna**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
13. Status and trends
14. Management advice and implications
    1. **Northern stocks**
       1. **North Pacific albacore tuna** 
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
15. Status and trends
16. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Pacific bluefin tuna** 
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
17. Status and trends
18. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific swordfish**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
19. Status and trends
20. Management advice and implications
    1. **WCPO sharks**
       1. **Oceanic whitetip shark**
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
21. Status and trends
22. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Silky shark**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
23. Status and trends
24. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **South Pacific blue shark**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
25. Status and trends
26. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific blue shark**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
27. Status and trends
28. Management advice and implications
    1. **WCPO billfishes**
       1. **South Pacific swordfish**
          1. Review of research and information
          2. Provision of scientific information
29. Status and trends
30. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Southwest Pacific striped marlin**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
31. Status and trends
32. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **North Pacific striped marlin**
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
33. Status and trends
34. Management advice and implications
    * 1. **Pacific blue marlin** 
         1. Review of research and information
         2. Provision of scientific information
35. Status and trends
36. Management advice and implications
37. **MANAGEMENT ISSUES THEME**
    1. **Limit reference points for the WCPFC**
       1. Review of Project 57 (Research related to the development of limit reference points)
    2. **Development of WCPFC Management Objectives**
    3. **Target reference points and harvest control rules for the WCPFC**
    4. **Implementation of CMM 2013-01**
38. **ECOSYSTEM AND BYCATCH MITIGATION THEME**
    1. **Ecosystem effects of fishing**
       1. Review of research and information
    2. **Sharks** 
       1. GEF ABNJ Shark and BMIS project
       2. Shark Research Plan
       3. Review of CMM for Sharks
39. CMM 2010-07 (CMM for Sharks)
40. CMM 2011-04 (CMM for oceanic whitetip shark)
41. CMM 2012-04 (CMM for protection of whale sharks from purse seine fishing operations)
42. CMM 2013-08 (CMM for silky sharks)
43. Safe release guidelines
    1. **Seabirds**
    2. **Sea turtles**
    3. **Other species and issues**
       1. Bycatch mitigation
       2. Food security issues with bycatch
       3. Other issues
44. **OTHER RESEARCH PROJECTS**
    1. **West Pacific East Asia Project**
    2. **Pacific Tuna Tagging Project**
45. **COOPERATION WITH OTHER ORGANISATIONS**
46. **SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES AND PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES**
47. **FUTURE WORK PROGRAM AND BUDGET**
    1. **Review of the Scientific Committee Work Programme**
    2. **Development of the 2015 Work Programme and budget, and projection of 2016-2017 provisional Work Programme and indicative budget**
48. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**
    1. **Peer review of stock assessments**
    2. **Future operation of the Scientific Committee** 
       1. Future structure and administration of the SC
       2. Scientific aspects of the Commission’s performance review
    3. **Election of Officers of the Scientific Committee**
    4. **Next meeting**
49. **OTHER MATTERS**
50. **ADOPTION OF THE SUMMARY REPORT OF THE TENTH REGULAR SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**
51. **CLOSE OF MEETING**