



E-MONITORING AND E-REPORTING WORKSHOP

Pacific Islands Forum Fisheries Agency Headquarters, 31 March – 1 April 2014
Honiara, SOLOMON ISLANDS

MEETING NOTICE

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In accordance with the Commission Rules of Procedure, Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) are invited to attend the E-Monitoring and E-Reporting Workshop of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

As indicated in WCPFC Circular 2013/127, Members were advised that the E-Monitoring and E-Reporting Workshop will be held at the FFA Headquarters in Honiara, Solomon Islands from 31 March – 1 April 2014, which directly follows the FFA MCS Working Group meeting. The workshop will be chaired by Charles Karnella, WCPFC Chair.

Agenda

Members are reminded that WCPFC10 agreed as follows:

172. WCPFC10 agreed that further discussions on E-reporting and E-monitoring should be held in early 2014 at a venue to be determined by the Secretariat with a view toward tabling a proposal at TCC10.

A provisional agenda is attached which includes a series of presentations and facilitated workshop exercises to encourage Members to think about how these technologies can be progressed in the Pacific. Participants are specifically referred to WCPFC10 Meeting Document WCPFC10-2013-16_rev1. The workshop will aim to seek the views of Members on the recommendations enclosed in this report and any other priorities that need to be considered when reporting back to the Commission.

Kerry Smith, from the Australian Fisheries Management Authority, has been seconded to the WCPFC Secretariat to assess the potential impacts on Pacific Island countries and Territories of electronic monitoring and reporting for fishing vessels. The study will consider potential employment prospects, both negative and positive, for Small Island Developing States under a potential WCPFC E-Reporting and E-Monitoring scenario. She will be presenting her initial findings to the workshop.

A number of Members have begun or have completed various trials in E-Reporting and the draft agenda includes opportunities for Members to provide feedback on their experiences with these trials. There is also a session that seeks the views of industry participants and commercial providers on their perspectives of E-Technologies in the WCPO.

Registration

All participants are requested to register electronically through the WCPFC E-monitoring and E-Reporting meeting page (<http://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/e-monitoring-and-e-reporting-workshop>). Participants are reminded that due to the size of the facilities, delegations are to be kept small (the maximum capacity of the venue is 100 persons).

Funding for Developing Countries and Participating Territories

The Commission will fund the participation (a daily allowance and most direct economical airfare) of one representative from each developing country and participating territory that is a member of the Commission to the WCPFC E-monitoring and E-Reporting workshop.

Formal nominations for participants to receive this support should be submitted to the Secretariat under the signature of their WCPFC Official Contact for qualifying developing countries and participating territories as early as possible, but no later than **28 February 2014**.

If FFA participants funded by WCPFC wish to arrive early and participate in the FFA MCS Working Group as well, then the Commission will be able to provide support in the form of a daily subsistence allowance. This will provide extra time to people who are involved in Part 2 reporting to work with the WCPFC Compliance Manager and WCPFC Assistant Compliance Manager, as well as FFA Secretariat counterparts, on their Part 2 reports.

Please contact WCPFC Finance and Administration Manager, Aaron Nighswander (aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int) for further assistance.

Accommodation

Participants are asked to make their own accommodation arrangements. Further details on accommodation options will be provided on the WCPFC E-monitoring and E-Reporting meeting page (<http://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/e-monitoring-and-e-reporting-workshop>) in due course.

All related enquiries about the WCPFC E-monitoring and E-Reporting workshop should be addressed to the Secretariat's Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott (lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int).

Kind regards,

Professor Glenn Hurry