

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE**

**FIFTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia

12-20 August 2019

**MEETING NOTICE AND INFORMATION**

**WCPFC-SC15-2019/01**

In accordance with the Commission Rules of Procedure, the Fifteenth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC-SC15) will be held in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia, from **12 (Monday) to 20 (Tuesday) August 2019**. Heads of Delegations and Conveners Meetings will be held on **Sunday, 11 August 2019**. Mr Ueta Jr. Faasili (Samoa) will chair SC15. The venue of the meeting will be the COM/FSM China Friendship Sport Center, Palikir, Pohnpei State, Federated States of Micronesia.

The following documents are posted on the SC15 website with this Notice:

* Provisional agenda for the meeting (WPCFC-SC15-2019/02);
* Provisional annotated agenda for the meeting (WPCFC-SC15-2019/03); and
* Indicative schedule for the meeting (WPCFC-SC15-2019/04).

**SC15 meeting structure**

As decided at SC8, SC has four theme sessions during the plenary (Data and Statistics, Ecosystem and Bycatch, Management Issues, and Stock Assessment). During SC15, steering committee meetings will be held for the Japan Trust Fund, the Pacific Tuna Tagging Project, and the WCPFC Tuna Tissue Bank. Informal small group meetings may be held in the margins of the plenary.

**Registration**

On-line meeting registration is available at the SC15 meeting site. The on-line registration system and authorization can be accessed at  <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/sc15>. All participants are requested to register using this facility.

**Heads of Delegation Meeting and Convener’s Meeting**

Two preparatory meetings will be held at the PNG Room, Secretariat on **Sunday, 11 August 2019**:

1. The Convener’s Meeting with the SC Chair at **14:00** to finalize their theme session arrangements and meeting procedure; and
2. The Heads of Delegation Meeting at **16:00** convened by the SC Chair. All Theme Conveners are expected to attend.

**Guidelines for submitting meeting papers**

The procedure for submission of papers for SC15, as determined at SC2, is as follows:

1. Annual Report – Part 1

Following WCPFC15, an updated template is available at <https://www.wcpfc.int/guidelines-procedures-and-regulations> (symbol: SC-01). Annual Report Part 1 shall be submitted to the WCPFC Secretariat (BOTH [sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int](mailto:anthony.beeching@wcpfc.int) and [contact.ar@wcpfc.int](mailto:contact.ar@wcpfc.int)) by **13 July 2019**.

* + 1. Meeting documents

Titles and preliminary abstracts of meeting documents **MUST be submitted as early as possible, but no later than 8 July 2019** (five weeks in advance of the start of SC15). Authors who intend to present a Working Paper or submit an Information Paper (refer to Item 3 below) must contact the relevant Convener(s) as soon as possible after this SC15 Meeting Notice is posted. Authors and conveners should discuss the suitability of the paper, and under which specific agenda item it falls. Please refer to the Provisional Annotated Agenda posted together with this Meeting Notice.

**All full papers MUST be submitted by 25 July 2019** (18 days in advance of the start of SC15). Please submit titles, abstracts and full papers to:

1. SC Chair (Ueta Jr. Faasili; [ueta.faasili@maf.gov.ws](mailto:mullerbk@gmail.com)),
2. relevant Theme Conveners below, and
3. the Secretariat (SungKwon Soh; [sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int](mailto:sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int))

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| Chair | Ueta Jr. Faasili; [ueta.faasili@maf.gov.ws](mailto:ueta.faasili@maf.gov.ws) |
| Vice Chair | *Vacant* |
| ST Theme | Ueta Jr. Faasili; [ueta.faasili@maf.gov.ws](mailto:ueta.faasili@maf.gov.ws) (Temporary for SC15)  (*The current convener Valerie Post will be back to SC16*) |
| SA Theme | Hiroshi Minami; [hminami@affrc.go.jp](mailto:hminami@affrc.go.jp)  Keith Bigelow: [keith.bigelow@noaa.gov](mailto:keith.bigelow@noaa.gov) |
| MI Theme | Robert Campbell; [robert.campbell@csiro.au](mailto:robert.campbell@csiro.au) |
| EB Theme | John Annala; [john.annala@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:john.annala@mpi.govt.nz)  Yonat Swimmer; [yonat.swimmer@noaa.gov](mailto:yonat.swimmer@noaa.gov) |

All papers received will be posted on the SC15 website by **29 July 2019** (two weeks in advance of the start of SC15). All participants will be responsible for downloading their papers and printing them out, should that be desired. Limited printing and photocopying services will be available at the meeting venue.

* + 1. Working Papers and Information Papers

The SC Chair and Theme Conveners will be responsible for accepting or rejecting a paper, and if accepted, directing the Secretariat to post the paper as either a Working Paper or an Information Paper.

**Working Papers (WP):** Papers considered by Theme Conveners and the Chair as a working paper for presentation to the SC should be directly relevant to a specific agenda item, and will support substantive discussion. Relevant Conveners will attach a cover page, assign a unique number and send it to the Secretariat (e.g. WCPFC-SC15-2019/ST-WP-XX).

**Information Papers (IP):** Papers considered by Theme Conveners and the Chair as an information paper should be of general interest – i.e. a supplementary paper circulated for information only and not for presentation –but may be referred to in discussion. Relevant Conveners will attach a cover page, assign a unique number and send it to the Secretariat (e.g. WCPFC-SC15-2019/SA-IP-XX)

**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. Formal nominations for participants to receive this support should be submitted to the Secretariat ([aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int](mailto:aaron.nighswander@wcpfc.int)) by **1 July 2019** under the signature of their WCPFC Official Contact for eligible developing countries and participating territories.

The latest travel for nominees should be finalized is two weeks prior to commencing travel.

#### Visa to visit the Federated States of Micronesia

Most participants visiting Federated States of Micronesia should pass through either Honolulu or Guam airport, where they are required to have a US transit visa. Visitors to the Federated States of Micronesia do not require an entry permit for stays up to 30 days; however you must have an onward ticket and a passport valid for at least 120 days. An entry permit is required for visits longer than 30 days, extendable up to one year.

For further visa requirements please refer to:

<http://www.visit-micronesia.fm/guide/regulation.html>.

**Airport Transfers**

Transport from the Pohnpei Airport to the hotels in Pohnpei is available by hotel. Please contact your hotels for transportation arrangement.

#### Currency in FSM

The currency used in the Federated States of Micronesia is the U.S. dollar. Bank of Guam provides currency exchange services for the Australian Dollar, Philippine Peso, Japanese Yen, Hong Kong dollar and Korean Won.

**Accommodation**

Available accommodation is listed in **Table 1** below. Those participants needing accommodation should book directly with the hotel of their choice as soon as possible. All rates noted below are tax inclusive. Some alternative accommodation options may also be available.

**Table 1.** Accommodation in Pohnpei

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| **Hotel** | **Room Rates**  **(tax included)** | **Amenities** | **No. of Rooms** | |
| Cliff Rainbow Hotel  [reservations@cliffrainbow.com](mailto:reservations@cliffrainbow.com)  Ph: (691) 320-2415/2414  320-5939/320-5834 | Single Standard $ 42.40  Single Deluxe $ 111.30  Double Deluxe $ 127.20  Suite $ 143.10 | Air-conditioned rooms, cable TV, free internet, refrigerators, Airport shuttle pick-Up and drop-off. Restaurant onsite. | 37 Rooms | |
| 7 Star Inn  [7starsinn@mail.fm](mailto:7starsinn@mail.fm) [www.7starsinn.fm](http://www.7starsinn.fm/)  Ph: (691) 320-6383/320-6147 | Single $ 78.75  Double $ 94.50  Deluxe $ 99.75  Studio $ 120.75  Suite $ 136.50 | Air conditioned, Cable TV, Internet, Restaurant & Bar/Lounge onsite; Free Airport pickup/ drop off | 19 Rooms | |
| Oceanview Hotel – West Wing [rumorsinc@mail.fm](mailto:rumorsinc@mail.fm)  [www.fm/oceanview](http://www.fm/oceanview)  Ph: (691) 320-7978 | Single:  Ocean View $ 95.00  Mountain View $ 85.00  Double:  Ocean View $142.00  Mountain View $132.00  Cottages: $ 75.00  *Package deals (Room plus car rental available ranging from $134 to $200* | Air conditioned rooms, internet, restaurant on site, airport pickup or drop off; $25 for additional person | 9 Rooms  & 4 Cottages | |
| Island Palms Hotel  [islandpalmshotel@gmail.com](mailto:islandpalmshotel@gmail.com)  Ph: 691) 320-1074/320-2573-2575 | Single Standard Full $ 50  Single Queen $ 60  Single King $ 75  Double Standard $ 75  Single Q Deluxe $ 89  Double Deluxe $ 105  *10% Discount for 3 nights or more (excludes single Standard full/Double standard rooms)* | Air-conditioned rooms; Wi-fi internet; Cable TV; Room service; Complimentary airport transfers; Restaurant on site | 27 Rooms | |
| Sea Breeze Hotel  [seabreeze@mail.fm](mailto:seabreeze@mail.fm)  [info@seabreezehotel.fm](mailto:info@seabreezehotel.fm)  (691) 320-2065/320-2066 | Single: $ 70.85  Double: $ 81.75  Triple: $ 92.65 | Air-conditioned rooms, telephone, refrigerator, cable TV, Free internet & shuttle bus for airport transfers, Restaurant onsite | 23 Rooms | |
| Yvonne Hotel  [yvonnehotel@hotmail.com](mailto:yvonnehotel@hotmail.com)  Ph: (691) 320-5130/1248 | Single Standard $ 65.00  Single Deluxe $ 75.00  Single Double $ 85.00  Double Deluxe $ 95.00  Triple Standard $105.00  *(rates varies/fluctuates weekly and depended on booking date)* | Air conditioned rooms, telephone, refrigerator, internet, cable TV; Restaurant onsite; Laundry facilities, two rooms w/cooking facilities. Conference and private meeting rooms available; Free Airport transfers | 27 Rooms |
| Mangrove Bay Hotel, Bar & Marina [mangrovebayhotel@gmail.c](mailto:mangrovebayhotel@gmail.com)om  [www.mangrovebaypohnpei.com](http://www.mangrovebaypohnpei.com/)  Ph: (691) 320-5454/925-7233 | Room No.8 $100.00 Room No.1to 7 $120.00  House #1 $360.00 | Air-conditioned rooms, TV, Telephone, Wi-fi internet, refrigerator, airport shuttle; Scenic  view & oceanfront bar. Free coffee in the morning, kayak and paddle board rentals | 8 Rooms  1 House |

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| Oceanview Hotel – East Wing [Oceanview\_plaza@yahoo.com](mailto:Oceanview_plaza@yahoo.com)  Ph: (691) 320-5075 | Single rooms  Mountain View $ 70.00  Ocean View $ 80.00  Twin room/1per $ 95.00  Twin room $120.00 | Air conditioned rooms, refrigerator, telephone, internet, TV only at 2nd Floor; Free airport pickup/drop off | 10 Rooms |
| China Star Hotel  [guojunqu@hotmail.com](mailto:guojunqu@hotmail.com)  (691) 320-1788/320-4390 | 2nd Floor Rooms  Single $70.00  Double $88.00  3rd Floor Rooms  Single $78.00  Double $88.00  2 Suites $98.00 | Air-conditioned rooms, refrigerator, telephone, TV, Free airport transfers, Close to airport, Restaurant onsite | 28 Rooms |
| Joy Hotel  [Joy\_ponape@mail.fm](mailto:Joy_ponape@mail.fm)  Ph: (691)320-2477/2447 | Single $79.50  Double $100.70 | Air conditioned rooms, telephone, refrigerator, TV, and free internet, Free airport shuttle | 10 Rooms |
| Hideaway Hotel  [hideaway@mail.fm](mailto:hideaway@mail.fm)  Ph: (691) 320-5175 | Cottages  Single/Double $ 75.00 | Air-conditioned rooms, pillow-top mattresses w/bedding, refrigerator, free high speed internet, jewelry safe box | 8 Rooms |
| PCR Hotel  [pcr\_pohnpei@mail.fm](mailto:pcr_pohnpei@mail.fm)  Ph: (691) 924-3928 | Single $ 75.00  Double $ 85.00 | Air-conditioned rooms; Wi-Fi internet; Complimentary airport transfers, Restaurant on site | 9 Rooms |
| South Park Hotel  [southparkhotel@mail.fm](mailto:southparkhotel@mail.fm)  Ph: (691) 320-3230 | Single $100.00  Double $120.00 | Air-conditioned rooms, refrigerator, internet at carport/outside room. Restaurant onsite; Complimentary airport transfers. No TV & telephone, only cellphone | 12 Rooms |
| Beacon Towers Apartment  [vcs\_pws@mail.fm](mailto:vcs_pws@mail.fm)  Ph: (691) 320-7820/ 924-6445 | Single $ 50.00  Double $75.00 | Air-conditioned rooms, TV and kitchenette | 7 Rooms |