



**SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP (SPAMWS)
SECOND SESSION**

Electronic Meeting
Wednesday, 5 November 2025 (10:00-14:00, Pohnpei time)

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

**WCPFC-SPAMWS02-2025-02
12 October 2025**

1. Opening of the Meeting

The Co-Chairs will open the meeting by recalling the outcomes of SPAMWS01, confirming the objectives of SPAMWS02, and emphasizing the importance of finalizing advice and draft texts for consideration at WCPFC22. Participants will be reminded that the session is limited to four hours, and discussions must therefore remain focused on concluding decisions regarding the candidate management procedures, including the six priority requests assigned to the SSP for further analysis, as well as any associated implementing CMM proposals, if available (see paragraph 18 of the SPAMWS01 Report). Time permitting, the meeting will also address concerns raised at SC21 and SPAMWS01 on the structure of the MP itself, as reflected under Agenda Item 3.1.

2. Review of SPAMWS01's requests for additional candidate MPs

SPAMWS01 considered seven candidate MPs (catch-based HCRs 7, 10, 13, 14–16, and effort-based HCR 9). Annex A of the SPAMWS01 Report summarizes the six requests to the SSP that were selected for further analysis. SPAMWS02 will review the results of the additional requests and provide recommendations to the Commission, as appropriate.

The list of six requests that were ranked highest

#	SPAMWA01's priority requests to the SSP	Notes
1	Re-tune all 7 candidate MPs operating south of 10°S, with exclusion of TK and TV catches that are south of 10°S.	
2	Perform sensitivity analyses described in SPAMWS01-WP-01 on re-tuned MPs in #1	
3	Develop additional MPs based on the current modified HCR 7 proposal (AU proposal) and HCR 13, which treat troll catch as an assumed and constant "external catch" in the MP. These MPs would be	Equates to 4 new MPs Assume <u>ONLY</u> HCR7 is excluding TK/TV catch south of 10°S here; #1 will need to be done first

	tuned to achieve the appropriate associated TRP. In developing these MPs, the “external troll catch” could be set at 2000-2004 average troll levels (in line with the baseline referenced in CMM 2015-02)	
4	Develop an MP equivalent to HCR 14 (EPO at 22,500) but with 0-10°S on fixed effort (2014-2023) instead of catch, and that achieves the iTRP in the long-term.	
5	Run HCR7 with no constraint	If the new baseline excludes TK and TV, #1 will need to be done first
6	Update SPAMPLE to include full suite of considered MPs	
	Essential SSP activities prior to WCPFC22	Notes
	Run the estimation method using data up to 2023 and calculate the output from all candidate MPs	This needs to be done to meet the harvest strategy workplan timetable.

3. CMM on the SPA MP

3.1 Issues to frame the MP

SPAMWS01 raised several issues with the current SPA MP framework. SPAMWS02 will continue to address the following and any further issues:

- Geographic scope: Confirm whether the SPA MP applies from the equator south, or from 10°S south only
- Treatment of Tokelau/Tuvalu EEZ catches south of 10°S: Clarify exclusion rationale (≈600 mt) and ensure consistency with CMM 2013-06 on SIDS burden sharing
- Constraints on inter-period catch change: Confirm acceptable limits (e.g., ±5%, ±10%)
- HCR selection: Agree which candidate HCRs to forward to WCPFC22 (e.g., narrowed sets, such as (HCR 7, HCR 10, HCR 13, HCR 9) vs. (HCR7, HCR13) vs. (HCR 14, HCR 15, HCR 16)

3.2 Review of draft CMM on the SPA MP

SPAMWS02 will review any available proposals for the development of a CMM on the SPA MP, including elements such as scope and exclusions, specification of HCR parameters, provisions for monitoring, and exceptional circumstances, among other details.

4. CMM on the Management Arrangements for Implementing the SPA MP

Subject to the proposer, the CMM may be titled *CMM on SPA MP Management Arrangements*, *CMM on Implementing the SPA MP*, or *CMM on SPA MP Implementation*. In developing implementing arrangements, SPAMWS02 may consider, among other issues, the following, with a view to identifying areas of convergence and narrowing down the principles for the implementing measure:

- Areas-based versus regional catch/effort management: examining whether management should be defined by geographical zones (e.g., EEZs and high seas) or through overall catch and/or effort controls.
- Proportional allocation principles (EEZ vs. high seas; SIDS vs. DWFNs): considering how fishing opportunities should be distributed fairly among different areas and participants, taking into account the interests of SIDS and DWFNs.
- Flexibility for interannual balancing: assessing options for carryover or adjustment mechanisms to account for variability in catches across years.
- Monitoring requirements (electronic logsheet submission, observer/EM coverage, transshipment rules): clarifying the level of monitoring and compliance obligations needed to support effective implementation.

SPAMWS02 will provide recommendations, if any, to the Commission on the converged principles.

5. Co-Chairs' Summary and Closing of the Workshop

A Co-Chairs' Summary will be prepared and circulated in due course. The Co-Chairs will close the workshop with a brief review of its key outputs.