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Subject: Nomination of Chair – South Pacific Albacore Allocation Workshop (25–26 June 2026)

Dear All,

Further to Circular 2026/05, which invited CCMs to submit nominations for the role of Chair of the South Pacific Albacore Allocation Workshop to be held on 25–26 June 2026 in Wellington, New Zealand, the Secretariat wishes to advise that it has received a nomination from Australia.

Australia has nominated Mr Wez Norris, Chief Executive Officer, Australian Fisheries Management Authority (AFMA), to serve as Chair of the South Pacific Albacore Allocation Workshop. In the absence of any objections, the Secretariat will proceed to confirm Australia's nomination of Mr Norris as Chair of the Workshop.

The Secretariat also wishes to advise that New Zealand, as host, has provided logistical information for participants, including guidance on travel requirements (visas and the New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority), arrival procedures and traveler declarations, biosecurity requirements, venue information, accommodation options, and transport in Wellington. This information is attached to this Circular for easy reference, and it will also be posted to the [workshop meeting page](#).

For any questions, please contact the Science Manager, Dr SungKwon Soh (sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int), with a copy to the Fisheries Management and Compliance Adviser, Ms Hilary Ayrton (hilary.ayrton@wcpfc.int).

Yours Sincerely,



Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Traveling to New Zealand

It is mandatory for all visitors to New Zealand to obtain a visa or complete New Zealand Electronic Travel Authority (NZeTA).

- Check if you need a visa or an NZeTA [here](#).
- All visitors to New Zealand must have a passport which is valid for at least three months beyond the intended stay in New Zealand.
- Participants from countries who do not have a visa waiver arrangement with New Zealand will need to apply for a visa before they travel to New Zealand. [Here is the list of visa waiver countries and territories](#).
- Visa timeframe: we recommend that applicants apply for a visa as early as possible, ideally more than 12 weeks before the date of intended travel. Immigration New Zealand does not have visa processing services in some countries, so it is faster and more efficient to complete online applications wherever possible.
- For more information on visa requirements to New Zealand, please refer to New Zealand [Immigration](#) or you can also contact them directly on +64 9 914 4100.
- Transit visa for Australia: if you need to travel through Australia to get to New Zealand you may need a transit visa. Some countries are eligible to transit through Australia without a transit visa, please refer [here](#).





On arrival to New Zealand

Everyone travelling into New Zealand must complete a [New Zealand Traveller Declaration \(NZTD\)](#). You can download the NZTD App from the Google Play or Apple Store – it is free.

- Declare all risk items if you're bringing them into New Zealand.
- You must answer all questions in your declaration and produce your identity documents.
- After clearing passport control and collecting your baggage, follow the appropriate lanes through to the biosecurity screening.
- For more information, please refer to [New Zealand Customs Service](#).

New Zealand Traveller Declaration

Whakapuakanga
Tangata Haere ki
Aotearoa

Ministry for Primary Industries
Manatū Ahu Matua





Biosecurity requirements

All arriving international passengers undergo biosecurity checks upon landing in New Zealand.

- The checks are designed to protect New Zealand’s vital horticulture and agriculture industries, as well as its unique environment, from invasive pests and diseases.
- All food, plant, and animal materials must be declared on your New Zealand Traveller Declaration. These items will be inspected by biosecurity officers. Failure to declare “risk goods” could result in a \$400NZD fine or prosecution.
- Please ensure that any shoes worn on farms in your home country are thoroughly cleaned. All dirt, grass, and other debris must be removed, especially from the grooves in the soles. To avoid delays upon arrival in New Zealand, place your shoes in a plastic bag in an easily accessible part of your luggage. This will assist with inspection.
- If you plan to visit any New Zealand farms during your stay, please ensure your footwear is clean before your arrival.
- We also recommend thoroughly cleaning your shoes again, placing them in a plastic bag, and making them easily accessible for inspection when returning to your home country. You may need to declare any visits to farms in New Zealand upon your return.
- For more information, please refer to [Biosecurity New Zealand](#).



Venue information

The South Pacific Albacore Meetings (25 – 26 June) will take place at the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa (Te Papa)

- Te Papa is located at 55 Cable Street, Wellington
- Te Papa is based in central Wellington, with access to transportation and accommodation nearby. It also provides an immersive experience and offers waterfront views.





Accommodation – Wellington

Where to stay – outlined below is a list of accommodation around Wellington CBD.

Location	
Hotels by Te Papa	Copthorne Hotel Oriental Bay QT Wellington Rydge's Wellington Bay Plaza Ohtel
Hotels near Parliament	Atura Hotel Quest on Johnston Street Bolton Hotel Sofitel Wellington Novotel Wellington James Cook Hotel
Hotels near Courtney Place	Naumi Hotel Ramada Wellington Oaks Wellington

For more information visit www.wellingtonnz.com/visit/accommodation



Te Papa is easily accessible through public and private transportation options.

Wellington International Airport to Wellington CBD

Option	Time	Cost
Uber/Didi Designated pick-up areas at Wellington Airport located on the Ground Floor	20 -30 minutes depending on traffic.	\$30-40 NZD
Taxi Wellington Combined Taxis (04) 384 4444 www.taxis.co.nz	20 -30 minutes depending on traffic	\$40-60 NZD You can pay this fare with cash, credit or EFTPOS.
Airport express bus	Travel time between the railway station and the airport is around 25-35 minutes.	\$11.50 NZD (as at 1 July 2025) Payment is accepted with a Snapper card, cash, or contactless debit or credit card.
SuperShuttle www.supershuttle.co.nz	Shared-ride fares offer substantial discounts for passengers travelling in the same group to the same destination.	Costs vary depending on your destination, but a shuttle to/from Wellington CBD starts at \$18 NZD. You can pay for your shuttle with cash or credit card or you can book online.