



COMMISSION

First Bigeye Tuna Management Workshop (BMW01)

10:00 am – 2:00 pm (Pohnpei Time), 20 – 21 May 2026

Virtual Meeting

PNA+ Guidance on Development of a Bigeye Tuna Management Procedure¹

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¹ Attachment 22, WCPFC22 Outcomes Document

PNA+ Bigeye MP Guidance

Area of Application: WCPO

TRP Nature: Threshold

MP Output: Fishing Mortality/Intensity

Application of MP Output: the MP Output is used to identify the range of combinations of longline/purse seine adjustments estimated to provide the level of fishing mortality/intensity adjustment indicated by the MP (see figures 1,3 and 5 of WCPFC-TTMW4-2023-04).

HCR: Hillary step design with a $\pm 10\%$ constraint applied

Implementation Arrangements:

- TT CMM measures including:
 - longline bigeye catch limits
 - FAD closure
 - active FAD buoy limit
 - catch retention
- PNA Longline VDS
- Enhanced monitoring, including CDS

Rationale

The proposed approach:

- a) Is fully consistent with the principles in CMM 2022-03:
- b) Takes into account:
 - The wide range of measures in place including the WCPFC Longline bigeye catch limits, the PNA+ Longline Vessel Day Scheme limits and the extensive range of FAD management measures.
 - The precedent of effective management actions taken by the Commission when management action was recommended previously.
 - The evidence that this record and pattern of bigeye management has been successful. The bigeye stock is healthy and is the only global bigeye stock that has never been overfished.
 - The cost of adopting new management arrangements.
 - The measures previously adopted by the Commission and PNA+ as required Article 8 of the Convention.
- c) Can be speedily adopted and implemented because it does not require additional implementation arrangements.

More generally, it doesn't make sense for the Commission to put in place costly new arrangements for bigeye management when there are already in place a range of management measures which have proven to be effective for managing the bigeye stock.