



**COMMISSION**

**FIRST BIGEYE TUNA MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP (BMW01)**

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

Virtual Meeting

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**11.4 Bigeye tuna**

47. The Commission agreed that three candidate target reference points (TRP) for bigeye tuna identified at WCPFC21 and based on the 2012–2015 depletion level, shall remain under evaluation as targets, and requested the SSP to continue assessing all three TRP options and provide comparative performance results for the Commission’s consideration at WCPFC23.
48. The Commission requested the SSP to include the probability of the stock remaining above MSY as an additional performance indicator and encouraged continued development of climate related robustness tests.
49. The Commission requested the SSP to develop additional candidate Management Procedures (MPs) that include controls for both the tropical longline and tropical purse seine fisheries. Additionally, the Commission provided the following guidance to the SSP in developing candidate MPs for bigeye tuna:
  - a) Use of a three-year management period with a two-year data lag.
  - b) Evaluate a range of HCRs controlling the tropical longline and tropical purse seine fleets, at different levels of FAD closure length (from 0 to 3 months) and tropical longline catch and/or effort, that form the basis of a continuum of MPs all tuned to achieve the same TRP.
  - c) Evaluate the plausibility of developing additional HCRs through interpolating the outputs of the evaluated HCRs.
  - d) Evaluation of HCRs with and without constraints to the outputs between management periods.
  - e) Evaluation of the candidate TRPs identified by the Commission at WCPFC21.
  - f) Evaluate fixed assumptions on catch outside of the MP control.

When the Commission considers the MSE results, consideration should be given to how to translate and apply MP outputs to the range of existing management measures in place, including the longline catch limits, PNA+ Longline Vessel Day Scheme, and FAD management measures.

50. The Commission noted the importance of and need for a series of dedicated bigeye tuna management workshops (BMWs) to expedite the progress of implementation on the Indicative Workplan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2022-03.

51. The Commission agreed to hold a series of BMWs in 2026 focused on the design of the BET management procedure.
52. The Commission agreed that the BMWs would be chaired by the SC Chair.
53. The Commission agreed that the BMWs would be held online, one prior to SC22 and one between SC22 and TCC22, and any additional workshops scheduled as necessary, with dates to be determined by the SC Chair in consultation with the Secretariat and members.
54. The Commission agreed that CCMs will cooperate to develop a management procedure for bigeye tuna during 2026, with a view to adopting a management procedure at WCPFC23.
55. The Commission requested the SSP to conduct sensitivity analyses addressing uncertainties in Indonesian, Philippine, and Vietnamese archipelagic fisheries, including scenarios representing recent levels, recent averages, historical peak catches, and new national management measures.
56. The Commission requested the SSP to evaluate MP performance under fixed assumptions for catches outside the MP's direct control.
57. The Commission acknowledged the guidance (Attachment 22) from PNA+ on the bigeye MP.