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Dear Colleagues,

First, thank you for the constructive feedback provided during the eighth meeting of the ROP-IWG on 1 April 2026.

The [Chair's Summary Report](#) has now been posted. It includes annexes with updated versions of the papers considered at the meeting, annotated to reflect CCM comments.

Secondly, I invite CCMs to provide any additional feedback on these papers by **29 May 2026**, in advance of the next ROP-IWG meeting to be scheduled for **3 June 2026**. This meeting date has been brought forward from the previously suggested July timeframe, noting the number of other meetings scheduled for that month.

The primary purpose of the next meeting will be to finalise any remaining areas of concern and consider what is needed to support implementation as a basis for recommendations for the adoption of final proposals for the:

- CCFS Process Flow
- Scope of Monitoring for CCFS
- Non-catch transfer transshipment observer reporting data fields

Please provide feedback to me at ltarapik@fisheries.gov.pg and the WCPFC Deputy Compliance Manager, Eidre Sharp at Eidre.Sharp@wcpfc.int.

Yours sincerely,



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