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Subject: Progressing the EM Audit and Assurance Framework

Dear Colleagues,

Thank you to the ERandEM IWG for your continued intersessional engagement as we advance the EM audit and assurance process.

Following on from information in [Circular 2026/86](#), please be advised that the tenth meeting of the ERandEM IWG ([ERandEMIWG10](#)) is scheduled for 4 November 2026, from 10.00am to 2.00pm (Pohnpei time).

The meeting will focus on reaching agreement on the audit questionnaire and assurance process. Papers to be made available on the WCPFC ERandEMIWG10 meeting page will be updated to reflect feedback during TCC22. The papers are:

- [Considerations for a WCPFC EM Program Audit and Assurance Process](#) which outlines key components, internal/external quality assurance distinctions, modified standards, audit framework, draft questionnaire, and independent review processes.
- [Proposed revisions to the WCPFC Interim EM standards](#) which incorporates outcomes from the FAO/ISSF Harmonization Workshop, relevant FFA Electronic Monitoring Standards, Specifications, and Procedures background, and member feedback.
- [Indicative EM Programme Audit Requirements and Cost Estimates](#) which is a Secretariat discussion paper providing estimated financial resources needed for an EM Program Audit scheme.
- [Revised and Restructured Audit Questionnaire](#) with a restructured layout linking audit questions directly to the applicable SSP requirements (MUSTs) for improved clarity.

Please submit your feedback on these documents no later than 19 October 2026 to me (lesley.hawn@noaa.gov) and to WCPFC Compliance Manager Matt McGregor (Matthew.McGregor@wcpfc.int).

Sincerely,



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