



**COMMISSION
FOURTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**
Manila, Philippines
3 – 7 December 2017

PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

**WCPC14-2017-01A
12th October 2017**

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING

The Commission Chair Ms Rhea Moss-Christian (Marshall Islands) will call the session to order at 9am on Sunday 3rd December 2017 and will preside over the official opening ceremony.

1.1 Adoption of agenda

The Chair will present the Provisional Agenda for consideration and adoption by the Commission.

1.2 Statements from Members and Participating Territories

Members and Participating Territories who wish to make opening statements will be invited to do so at this time.

1.3 Meeting arrangements

The Commission will consider the meeting arrangements and indicative meeting schedule, including any social functions and proposed side events. Decisions reached at the Heads of Delegation meeting held the previous day will also be confirmed.

1.3.1 Establishment of small working groups (CNMs, CMS, Others)

The Commission will consider the need for small working groups to be established and the corresponding schedule and working arrangements.

AGENDA ITEM 2. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

The Executive Director will present his annual report to the Commission, in accordance with rule 13 of the Rules of Procedure of the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 3. MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPLICATIONS

3.1 Status of the Convention

The Depositary (New Zealand) will provide an update on the status of the Convention.

3.2 Update on observer status

The Commission will be informed of any applications for observer status and those observers that have been invited intersessionally to participate in this session of the Commission.

3.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member status

The Commission will consider and decide on applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2018, including recommendations from the 13th Technical and Compliance Committee.

3.3.1 Participatory rights of CNMs

In accordance with paragraphs 12 and 13 of CMM 2009-11, the Commission may review the limits of participatory rights of CNM under various CMMs.

AGENDA ITEM 4. NEW PROPOSALS

CCMs with new proposals will be invited to present them to the Commission. Proposals that address matters relevant to other agenda items will be presented under those agenda items. In considering new proposals, the Commission will be invited to consider how to progress discussions throughout the meeting and whether additional small working groups are required.

AGENDA ITEM 5. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES

This is a standing item by virtue of rule 2(h) of the Rules of Procedure.

5.1 Updated checklist evaluation of SIDS special requirements (FFA)

FFA Members will update the Commission on their checklist evaluation of SIDS special requirements.

5.2 CCM reports on the implementation of Article 30

CCMs will be invited to report on their efforts to implement Article 30 of the Convention.

5.3 Review of implementation of CMM 2013-07 (Paragraph 20)

In accordance with paragraph 20 of CMM 2013-07, the Commission shall review annually the progress in the implementation of the Convention and the said CMM in relation to the special requirements of developing states.

AGENDA ITEM 6. HARVEST STRATEGY

Discussion will focus on the 2017 elements of the Agreed Work Plan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06, covering skipjack, bigeye, yellowfin, and South Pacific albacore. It is recognized under CMM 2014-06 that the Northern Committee is responsible for harvest strategy development for Pacific bluefin tuna and North Pacific albacore.

6.1 Management objectives (all stocks/fisheries)

At WCPFC13, the Commission discussed management objectives for the tropical purse seine fishery, for the purposes of informing management strategy evaluation. The Commission will continue to discuss and record the management objectives for all stocks and fisheries under the work plan.

6.2 Acceptable levels of risk (all stocks)

At WCPFC13, the Commission agreed not to specify risk levels for any of the four tuna stocks covered under the work plan. The Commission considered that any risk level greater than 20% would be inconsistent with the limit reference point and that any risk level up to 20% would be more acceptable. The Commission will continue its discussion with the view to agree acceptable levels of risks for all the stocks.

6.3 Review of rebuilding timeline (bigeye)

The Commission will review its decision at WCPFC13 on the rebuilding timeline for the bigeye stock in light of the outcomes of the 2017 bigeye tuna stock assessment.

6.4 Target reference point (SP albacore)

The Commission will continue its discussions on a target reference point for SP albacore. The same discussion will also take place under agenda item 7.3.1.

6.5 Harvest control rules (SP albacore and skipjack)

The Commission will continue its discussions on harvest control rules for SP albacore and skipjack.

6.6 Management strategy evaluation (SP albacore and skipjack)

The Commission will continue to consider management strategy evaluation for SP albacore and skipjack.

6.7 Monitoring Strategy (all stocks/fisheries)

The Commission will consider and agree monitoring strategies for all stocks and fisheries under the work plan.

6.8 Harvest Strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna and North Pacific albacore

The Northern Committee Chair will provide an update on the status of the harvest strategy work plan for the Pacific bluefin tuna and North Pacific albacore.

6.9 Review of Work Plan

The Commission will consider and as appropriate amend the work plan for 2018 and future years.

AGENDA ITEM 7. WCPO TUNA STOCKS

Relevant outcomes from meetings of subsidiary bodies, intersessional working groups and other relevant sources will be presented to facilitate discussions under this Agenda Item.

7.1 General overview of stock status (bigeye, Pacific bluefin tuna, skipjack, NP albacore, SP albacore, and yellowfin.)

The Commission will receive updates on the status of WCPO tuna stocks to help inform discussions on management measures.

7.2 Draft Bridging CMM on Tropical Tunas (bigeye, skipjack, yellowfin)

The Commission will continue its discussions on Rev5 of the Draft Bridging CMM on Tropical Tunas with a view to adopting a new CMM to replace the expiring CMM 2016-01. The Chair and Vice-Chair will lead the discussions on Rev5 and small working groups may be established as necessary to facilitate progress.

7.3 Draft Bridging CMM on SP albacore

The Commission will continue its discussions on the draft Bridging CMM on SP albacore with a view to developing a new measure to replace CMM 2015-02. New Zealand, on behalf of FFA Members, will be asked to assist with guiding discussions.

7.4 CMM 2005-03 on North Pacific albacore

The Commission will consider recommendations from the 13th Northern Committee on the management of North Pacific albacore. Relevant new proposals will also be considered.

7.5 CMM 2016-04 on Pacific bluefin tuna

The Commission will consider recommendations from the 13th Northern Committee on the management of Pacific bluefin tuna, including a rebuilding plan for the stock.

7.6 Others

The Commission will consider any other highly migratory fish stocks that may require attention at WCPFC14, including any relevant new proposals from CCMs.

AGENDA ITEM 8. BYCATCH MITIGATION

Relevant outcomes from meetings of subsidiary bodies, intersessional working groups and other relevant sources will be presented to facilitate discussions under this Agenda Item.

8.1 Sharks (CMMs: 2010-07; 2011-04; 2012-04; 2013-08; 2014-05)

The Commission will consider any issues and recommendations relating to implementation of all five shark CMMs. New proposals from CCMs will also be considered.

8.1.1 Comprehensive approach to shark and ray conservation and management

The Commission will consider advice from SC13 and TCC13 to inform development of a comprehensive approach to shark and ray conservation and management, consistent with the decision of WCPFC13 to adopt a new CMM in 2018. The Commission will consider any additional tasks that may be required of the SC and TCC at their respective meetings in 2018.

8.2 CMM 2015-03 on Seabirds

The Commission will consider issues and recommendations related to the implementation of CMM 2015-03. New proposals from CCMs will also be considered.

8.3 CMM 2008-03 on Sea Turtles

The Commission will consider issues and recommendations related to the implementation of CMM 2008-03. New proposals from CCMs will also be considered.

8.4 Others

The Commission will consider any other bycatch species that may require attention at WCPFC14, including any relevant new proposals from CCMs.

AGENDA ITEM 9. ADOPTION OF REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES

The reports of the subsidiary bodies will be taken as read and will not be presented to the Commission. Recommendations not addressed under other agenda items will be considered here. A consolidation of the relevant recommendations of each subsidiary body report requiring the Commission's consideration will be provided for reference.

9.1 13th Annual Session of the Scientific Committee (SC13)

9.2 13th Annual Session of the Northern Committee (NC13)

9.3 13th Annual Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC13)

AGENDA ITEM 10. COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME

10.1 Consideration and Adoption of the Final Compliance Monitoring Report

The Commission will consider the provisional Compliance Monitoring Report recommended by TCC13 and any additional information provided by CCMs. The Commission's consideration of the provisional Compliance Monitoring Report will take place in a small working group, which will compile the final Compliance Monitoring Report for adoption.

10.2 Update on the Independent Review of Compliance Monitoring Scheme

The Commission will receive a progress report on the ongoing independent review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS) and have the opportunity to comment and provide feedback in advance of the report's finalization which is scheduled for 1 March 2018.

10.3 Expiry of CMM 2015-07 at the end of 2017

CMM 2015-07 on the Compliance Monitoring Scheme expires at the end of 2017. The Commission will consider the extension of the CMM in light of relevant recommendations from TCC13 and ongoing activities relating to the Commission's CMS.

AGENDA ITEM 11. ADOPTION OF THE 2018 IUU VESSEL LIST

The Commission will consider and adopt the WCPFC 2018 IUU Vessel List.

AGENDA ITEM 12. REPORT OF THE ELEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

12.1 Report of the Eleventh Finance and Administration Committee

The Commission will consider for adoption the report of the 11th Annual Session of the Finance and Administration Committee.

12.2 Budget approval for 2018 and Indicative Budgets for 2019 and 2020

The Commission will consider for adoption the Budget for 2018 and indicative budgets for 2019 and 2020.

AGENDA ITEM 13. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

13.1 Strategic Plan

The Commission will consider the issue of a Strategic Plan for the Commission.

13.2 Research projects

13.2.1 Areas Beyond National Jurisdiction Project (Common Oceans) (ABNJ)

The Commission will receive an update on the status of the ABNJ project.

13.2.2 West Pacific East Asia (WPEA) Project

The Commission will receive an update on the status of the WPEA project.

13.3 Election of officers

The Commission will consider the appointment of the following officers:

- i) Scientific Committee: Chair and Vice Chair; and
- ii) Finance and Administration Committee: Co-Chair

13.4 Future meetings

The Commission will decide on the venue and dates of its next annual meeting, meetings of the subsidiary bodies, and any other intersessional meetings that may be agreed.

AGENDA ITEM 14. OTHER MATTERS

The Commission will consider any other matters.

AGENDA ITEM 15. SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WCPFC14

The Chair will outline the process for adoption of the Summary Report for WCPFC14. The practice has been for an Outcomes Document containing agreed decision points to be circulated to the Commission within 7 working days following the close of the annual session with the draft Summary Report to be provided as soon as possible. CCMs will be given 30 working days after circulation of the draft Summary Report to provide any changes. The complete Summary Report will be finalized intersessionally and posted on the Commission website and CCMs will be advised accordingly.

AGENDA ITEM 16. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting is scheduled to close at 5pm on Thursday, 7 December 2017.