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PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA

WCPFC11-2014-03
15 October 2014

AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF THE MEETING

The Session will open at 8.30am on Monday, 1 December 2014.

The Chair Dr Charles Karnella will welcome delegates from WCPFC Members, Cooperating Non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) and Observers.

1.1 Welcoming addresses

The Chair will introduce dignitaries who make the welcoming address.

Following the opening ceremony, the Chair will deal with procedural matters of the Session.

1.2 Adoption of agenda

The meeting notice was posted on 29 August 2014, and provisional agenda for WCPFC11 was prepared and distributed on 15 October 2014. The Rules of Procedure provide that Members may propose supplementary agenda items up until 30 days before the meeting (Rule 3) (1 November 2014). The Agenda, as modified, will need to be adopted by the meeting (Rule 5).

1.3 Meeting arrangements

The Commission will review the Indicative Schedule. The Chair, through the Secretariat, will outline any logistical and administrative arrangements in place to support the meeting, proposed meeting times and any social engagements.

1.3.1 Small Working Groups

The Chair will lead a discussion on small working groups that are expected to take place in the margins of WCPFC11.

AGENDA ITEM 2. MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPLICATIONS

2.1 Status of the Convention

The Commission will receive a brief report from New Zealand on the status of the Convention.

2.2 Applications for Observer status

In accordance with Rule 36 of the Commission's Rules of Procedure, the Commission will be advised of any applications for observer status that were received from non-government organisations 50 days in advance of the Session (12 October 2014). The Commission will be advised of those observers that were subsequently invited to participate in the Session.

2.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member status

2.3.1 TCC10 advice and recommendations and updates from Secretariat

The TCC Chair will present the advice and recommendations of the TCC10 in relation to applications received.

The Secretariat will advise the Commission of any updates received from CNM applicants since TCC10.

2.3.2 Granting of CNM status for 2015

The Commission will consider applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status for 2015 and decide on granting CNM status to applicants for 2015, on the basis of procedures provided for in CMM 2009-11 will be available to the Commission.

2.3.3 Participatory Rights

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

AGENDA ITEM 3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND CCM REPORTS

3.1 Report of the Executive Director on the work of the Commission

The Chair will invite the Executive Director to present the annual report on the work of the Commission for the 2014 calendar year and to highlight future work and budget issues for the Secretariat and the Commission. The Commission will discuss inter-sessional activities of the Commission and future work for the Secretariat.

3.2 Statements of CCMs

CCMs are invited to make statements but as with past practice tabled written statements are preferred.

AGENDA ITEM 4. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES

In accordance with Rule 2 (h) of the WCPFC Rules of Procedure, Agenda 4 is a standing agenda item on the provisional agenda.

4.1 CCM reports on the implementation of Article 30

At WCPFC6 the Chair noted the suggestion by FFA Members for a special agenda item for developed CCMs to report annually on initiatives to implement Article 30 of the Convention. CCMs are requested to report on the implementation of Article 30 of the Convention. In addition, CMM 2013-07 *Conservation and Management Measure on the Special Requirements of Small Island Developing States and Territories* says in paragraph 19, that CCMs shall provide an annual report (Part 2 report) to the Commission on the implementation of this measure. Copies of these reports are provided for CCMs as part of Annual Report Part 2 documentation on the secure side of the WCPFC website.

4.2 Review of Implementation of CMM 2013-07 (CMM 2013-07 paragraph 20)

Paragraph 20 of CMM 2013-07 says that “The Commission at each annual session shall review progress in the implementation of the Convention and this measure.”

4.3 Report from the Chair on Disproportionate Burden and CMM 2013-06 Workshop

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes from the Workshop on Disproportionate Burden and CMM 2013-06, and consider any further actions to be taken.

AGENDA ITEM 5. REPORT ON MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES WORKSHOP

5.1 Report on Progress from MOW3

5.2 Future work plan and funding

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes and recommendations from the Management Objectives Workshop and consider any further actions to be taken from the recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 6. CMM 2013-01 TROPICAL TUNA MEASURE

6.1 Chairs presentation on Tropical Tuna Measure CMM 2013-01

6.1.1 Outstanding issues, and requirements for 2014

The Chair will present a short paper that notes some of the outstanding matters in CMM 2013-01 for consideration by the Commission in 2014.

6.1.2 Strategy for progress through WCPFC11

The Commission is invited to consider how the outstanding matters in CMM 2013-01 will be progressed during WCPFC11.

6.1.3 Reporting on CMM 2013-01 (Secretariat)

A Secretariat information paper/s summarizing CCM reporting under CMM 2013-01 will be tabled for review by the Commission.

6.2 Consideration of CCM proposals related to CMM 2013-01

The Commission is invited to review proposals from members related to CMM 2013-01 and determine a process for finalization.

6.2.1 PNA Proposal to refine CMM 2013-01 Tropical Tuna CMM

PNA advised TCC10 that they would table a proposal to revise CMM 2013-01.

INTRODUCTION FOR AGENDA ITEM 11. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE PROPOSALS

The purpose of this session is to allow the proponents of proposals for other new CMMs or draft amendments to current CMMs, to introduce their proposals.

AGENDA ITEM 7. COMMISSION REVIEW

7.1 Progress on the Review of the Commission Report

WCPFC10 tasked the ED to revise the Performance Review matrix (contained in WCPFC10-2013/14) and to present the revised matrix to WCPFC11. This was circulated to CCMs as WCPFC Circular 2013/128 (dated 20th December 2013). The Commission is invited to review this further iteration of the matrix summarizing the Commission Performance Review recommendations, for discussion and further direction from the Commission.

AGENDA ITEM 8 REPORT OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

8.1 Report of the tenth regular session of the Scientific Committee

The Chair of the SC, Mr Ludwig Kumoru (PNG) will provide a summary of the outcomes of the Tenth Regular Session of the Scientific Committee (SC10) which was held in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands during 6 – 14 August, 2014.

The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the SC10, and determine a program of action to implement agreed responses to the scientific advice and recommendations received.

8.1.1 Stock status of key species

The Scientific Services Provider will present the results of analysis/assessment and the current status of key tuna, billfish and shark stocks in 2014.

8.1.2 Recommendations and advice

The Commission will take any necessary actions on the recommendations and advice from SC10.

- **Data and statistics theme**
- **Stock assessment theme**
- **Management issues theme**
- **Ecosystems and bycatch theme**
- **Other issues**

8.2 Future work programme and budget for 2015-2017

The Commission will consider the 2015-2017 SC work programme and budget. The Commission may refer to the advice and recommendations of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC) in relation to budget considerations.

8.3 Adoption of the SC10 Summary report

The Commission will review and adopt as appropriate the SC10 Summary report and recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 9 REPORT OF THE TENTH SESSION OF THE NORTHERN COMMITTEE

9.1 Report of the Tenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee

The Chair of the NC, Mr Masanori Miyahara (Japan), will present a summary of the outcomes of Tenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC10) which was held in Fukuoka, Japan, 1-4 September 2014. The Commission is invited to review the outcomes of the NC10, seek additional clarification, request additional scientific and management advice as necessary, and determine a programme of action to formulate and implement CMMs, and the management of these northern stocks.

9.1.1 Recommendations and advice

- **Proposal to refine CMM 2013-09 - Pacific Bluefin**
- **Precautionary Management framework for North Pacific albacore**
- **Other issues**

9.2 Future work programme for Northern Committee

The Commission will consider the 2015-2017 NC work programme and provide response as needed.

9.3 Adoption of the NC10 Summary Report

The Commission will review and adopt as appropriate the NC10 Summary report and Recommendations

AGENDA ITEM 10. REPORT OF THE TENTH TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE

10.1 Report of the Tenth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee

The Chair of the TCC, Ms Rhea Moss-Christian (FSM), will present a summary of the outcomes of the Tenth Regular Session of the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC10) which was held 24 - 30 September 2014 at Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia.

10.1.1 Compliance with Conservation and Management Measures - Report on Compliance Monitoring Scheme

- **Provisional CMR and Executive Summary**
- **Adoption of Final CMR covering 2013 activities**

The Commission is required in accordance with CMM 2013-02 to consider the Provisional Report recommended by the TCC (paragraph 18). Paragraph 21 of CMM 2013-02 says “Taking into account any additional information provided by CCMs, the Commission shall adopt a final Compliance Monitoring Report that includes a Compliance Status for each CCM and recommendations for any corrective action needed, based on compliance issues identified with respect to that CCM.” (paragraph 19 sets deadline of no less than 30 days before WCPFC11 for CCM additional information (1 November 2014)). The Commission is to adopt a final Compliance Monitoring Report, which as per CMM 2013-02 paragraph 21, shall also contain an executive summary setting out any recommendations or observations from the Commission regarding the issues listed in paragraph 16 of this measure.

It should be noted that there are a number of TCC10 recommendations, coming out of this years Provisional CMR and Executive Summary, which have been noted to be matters of interpretation of CMMs. TCC10 has sought advice and direction from the Commission on a number of these matters, and the Commission may need to consider a process for progressing work on these recommendations at WCPFC11.

10.1.2 Adoption of the WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2015

There are no new vessels proposed for the Provisional Vessel List for 2015. In accordance with paragraph 20 of CMM 2010-06, the Commission is invited to review the WCPFC IUU list and TCC10 recommendations, and adopt a new WCPFC IUU vessel list.

10.1.3 Recommendations and advice

- **VMS**
- **ROP**
- **Transshipment**
- **HSBI**
- **RFV**
- **EHSP**
- **Data provision and gaps**
- **Other issues**

10.2 E-monitoring and E-reporting initiatives

WCPFC10 agreed that further discussions on E-reporting and E-monitoring should be held at a workshop in early 2014 at a venue to be determined by the Secretariat and the result should be reported to TCC10. (para 173 of WCPFC10 report). The Electronic Monitoring and Electronic Reporting Workshop (EmandErW) was held in Honiara, Solomon Islands, from 31 March – 1 April 2014, chaired by Ray Clarke (United States). TCC10 received the EmandErW Chairs Report of the workshop, updates from CCMs and a paper from the Secretariat on proposed next steps for the development of draft electronic standards. The Commission is invited to review the TCC10 recommendations, and any further updates from CCMs and the Secretariat on E-monitoring and E-reporting initiatives.

10.3 CDS-IWG Report

WCPFC9 established the Catch Documentation Scheme Intersessional Working Group (CDS-IWG), and appointed Mr Alois Kinol (PNG) as Chair. A workplan for the CDS-IWG was approved at WCPFC10. The CDS-IWG met on Wednesday 24th September 2014, just prior to TCC10. The CDS-IWG Chair provided a report of progress to TCC10. The Commission is invited to review the TCC10 recommendation related to the 2015 workplan for the CDS-IWG.

10.4 Port Coordinators Proposal

A joint discussion paper between FSM-NORMA/WCPFC was circulated to CCMs as WCPFC Circular 2014/36, and this paper was discussed at TCC10. TCC10 requested that the Secretariat and FSM work on further developing the paper taking into account the discussion at TCC10 and bring a draft proposal with TOR to WCPFC11 for further consideration. The Commission is invited to review and consider the revised proposal.

10.5 Proposal to refine CMM 2013-03 – RFV SSPs Proposal (Secretariat)

In accordance with CMM 2013-03, the Record of Fishing Vessels Standards Specifications and Procedures (RFV-SSPs) were implemented from early June 2014. Paragraph 14 and 15 of CMM 2013-03 provides an opportunity for the Secretariat to, as necessary make recommendations for improvements or modifications to the RFV SSPs, including consistency with international standards and codes. TCC10 reviewed a draft proposal by the Secretariat to amend the RFV SSPs (Annex 6 of WCPFC-TCC10-ROP05_rev1). TCC10 tasked the Secretariat to revise the draft proposal in light of the discussions and report back to the Commission. The Commission is invited to review and consider the revised proposal.

10.6 Responses to Non-Compliance – IWG Report

WCPFC10 established an intersessional working group to develop responses to non-compliance (CMM 2013-02, paragraph 24), and agreed this would be chaired by the United States. The stated timeframes for this working group was to endeavor to develop a process for consideration no later than TCC11 and adoption no later than WCPFC12. The IWG-Responses to non-compliance Chair, Ms Alexa Cole, will provide an update on progress of this IWG.

10.7 TCC Workplan 2015

The Commission will consider the 2015 work programme and provide response as needed.

10.8 Adoption of the TCC10 Report

The Commission will review and adopt as appropriate the TCC10 Summary report and Recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 11. CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE PROPOSALS

The Commission will consider the new CMM proposed for discussion by members. In addition to proposals to refine CMM 2013-01 (tropical tuna measure), there are:

11.1 Compliance Monitoring Scheme (USA)

11.2 Proposal to refine CMM 2010-02 – EHSP-SMA (Cook Islands)

11.3 Proposal to refine CMM 2011-02 – Commission VMS (USA)

11.4 Harvest Strategy Proposal (Australia)

11.5 Skipjack target reference point (PNA)

11.6 Port State Measures (FFA)

11.7 Provision of Operational level catch and effort data (FFA)

11.8 Proposal to refine CMM 2010-05 – South Pacific Albacore (FFA)

11.9 Proposal to refine CMM 2010-07 – Sharks (FFA)

AGENDA ITEM 12. AD HOC TASK GROUP – DATA

There are two tasks for the Commission related to the Ad-hoc Task Group on data:

12.1 Elect a new Chair person

12.2 Develop a work programme for 2015 and 2016

At WCPFC10 the Chair called for nominations for a Chair of the AHTG-Data but none were forthcoming. The Commission is invited to nominate a Chair of the AHTG-Data, and then confirm its future programme of work.

AGENDA ITEM 13. REPORT OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The FAC Co-Chair Dr Paul Callaghan (United States) will present a summary of the agenda items and issues, advice and recommendations considered at the eighth Meeting of the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC8), 30 November 2014 for further consideration, refinement as necessary and adoption by WCPFC11.

13.1 Budget approval for 2015 and indicative budgets for 2016 and 2017

The Commission must formally adopt the budget and work plan for the Commission.

13.2 Adoption of the FAC8 Report

The Commission will review and adopt as appropriate the FAC8 Report and Recommendations.

AGENDA ITEM 14. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

14.1 Appointment of new Executive Director

In accordance with Schedule 3 of the Staff regulations, the short-listed candidates will be interviewed by Contracting Parties during a meeting of their Heads of Delegation. This is scheduled to take place on Tuesday 2nd December 2014. The Chair will provide a report to the Commission on the outcome of the Appointment process for the Executive Director.

14.2 Strategic Plan

At WCPFC9, the Commission accepted a recommendation from the FAC that the Strategic Plan for the Commission be move from FAC to the commission as the strategic plan is outside of scope of the FAC. At WCPFC10, the Commission discussed the Strategic Plan, but there were no agreed outcomes. The Commission is invited to review the Strategic Plan and consider any further actions to be taken in respect of the Strategic Plan.

14.3 GEF ABNJ Programme

At WCPFC9, the Commission endorsed participation and in-kind co-financing for the GEF ABNJ Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Project. The Project Coordinator for GEF-ABNJ Programme, Mr Alejandro Anganuzzi, will provide a briefing for the WCPFC on the current status of the project.

14.4 Election of officers

Rule 8 of the WCPFC Rules of Procedure state that the Chair and a Vice-Chair shall assume office at the end of the session at which they are elected, shall hold office for a period of two years and shall be eligible for re-election. The Commission will elect the following officer bearers of the WCPFC:

- SC Chair
- SC Vice Chair
- NC Chair
- NC Vice Chair
- TCC Vice Chair
- IWG-ROP Chair
- FAC Co-Chair
- WCPFC Chair
- WCPFC Vice Chair

14.5 Future meetings

WCPFC11 will decide on the venue and dates for its next regular session in 2015, noting that at WCPFC10 the Chair announced WCPFC12 will be in Bali, Indonesia.

The dates and venue for the meetings in 2015 of subsidiary bodies, and as appropriate, any intersessional working groups will also be decided.

AGENDA ITEM 16. OTHER MATTERS

The Commission will consider any other matters.

AGENDA ITEM 17. SUMMARY REPORT

The Commission will adopt a Summary Report of its Eleventh Regular Session, as per usual practice this will be done out of session.

AGENDA ITEM 18. CLOSE OF MEETING

The meeting is scheduled to close at 5.00pm on Friday, 5 December 2014.