

## STAFF SUMMARY OF WCPFC20 OUTCOMES OF INTEREST TO THE COUNCIL

This report highlights those items of interest to the Council in the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission 20<sup>th</sup> Regular Session outcomes document (Agenda Item I.2, Attachment 1). Readers may refer to that document for details. Referenced attachments are to Attachment 1 (note that only the attachments referenced here are included in Attachment 1).

- Agenda 9, incorporating climate change considerations (paragraphs 18-26). The WCPFC science provider has developed an Ecosystem and Climate Indicator Report Card to be presented annually to the Commission. The Commission intends to develop a work plan guiding work to address the effects of climate change on fisheries. The U.S. and the Republic of the Marshall Islands are co-leads on work plan development.
- Agenda 10.1(b), target reference point for south Pacific albacore (paragraph 29). The Commission agreed on an interim target reference point (iTRP) for south Pacific albacore specified as four percent below the estimated average spawning potential depletion of the stock over the period 2017-2019 ( $0.96 SB_{2017-2019}/SB_{F=0}$ ).
- Agenda 10.2, tropical tunas, adoption of a conservation and management measure (CMM). The Commission adopted CMM 2023-01 (Attachment 3).
- Agenda 10.6, North Pacific albacore (paragraph 70). The Commission adopted the revised Harvest Strategy for North Pacific Albacore Fishery recommended by NC19 (Attachment 6).
- Agenda 10.7, Pacific bluefin tuna (paragraphs 71-73). The Commission adopted amendments to the Pacific bluefin conservation and management measure (CMM 2021-02, Attachment 7) and the revised harvest strategy (HS 2021-01, Attachment 8).
- Agenda 11.8(a), North Pacific swordfish (paragraphs 74-75). The Commission adopted an amended CMM (Attachment 9).
- Agenda 12(a), sharks (paragraphs 82-83). The Commission directed CCMs (members and cooperating non-members) who utilize alternative measures to the prohibition on finning in paragraph 7 of CMM 2022-04, to provide detailed information on the implementation and monitoring of those alternative measures in advance of the next Technical and Compliance Committee meeting (TCC20).
- Agenda 13.4, expiry of CMM 2021-03 (paragraph 98). The Commission adopted CMM 2023-04 on a Compliance Monitoring Scheme (Attachment 13).
- Agenda 14, progress on developing a CMM for crew labor standards (paragraphs 99-100). The Commission noted the overwhelming support of CCMs for further work in 2024 on crew labor standards so that a CMM can be adopted at WCPFC21.