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COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE**

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ISSUES:

1. TCC6 was held in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia between 29 September and 5 October 2010, chaired by Noan Prakop of Papua New Guinea, and attended by over 170 participants from CCMs, CNMs and Observers.
2. The TCC Report is on the Web www.wcpfc.int under the secure CCM section for the reference of the Commission and is attached hereto for endorsement of the Commission.

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

3. WCPFC7 is invited to endorse the report of the Sixth Regular Session of the Technical Compliance Committee.

SUMMARY:

AGENDA ITEM 2 – PRIORITY MCS ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

ROP and FADs Closure

4. The ROP Annual report was endorsed by TCC6 with highlights for action being:
 - a) clarification of the CCMs responsibility for ROP data flow to the Science data provider, SPC, **and** the Commission for analyses;
 - b) ROP audits for completion for ROP certification prior to 2012;
 - c) cross endorsement of Observers between WCPFC and IATTC;
 - d) requirement for clarification of definitions, especially with respect to FADs sets, data gaps, and Compliance issues regarding fishing on FADs

AHTG – Data

5. Priorities for the AHTG-Data included data provision and attribution for chartered vessels. The catch attribution study is being undertaken by Gillett, Preston and Associates.

VMS

6. The VMS report was endorsed to the Commission with the following highlights:

- a) CMMs access to Commission data in their EEZs;
- b) Bracketed text;
- c) SSP modifications to have administrative rights to the Commission VMS Data;
- d) Boundary areas for VMS;
- e) Commission VMS Security Audit where there was agreement to extend the audit to both the Commission and FFA VMS;
- f) Reporting of anomalies on the high seas;
- g) Activities in the overlap area IATTC and WCPFC.

RFV and Interim Registry

7. TCC6 noted the following highlights and issues for further work:
- a) Recommendation on annual fee of US\$2500 for non-member carriers and bunkers;
 - b) Use of US\$230,000 from non-member ‘nominal fee’;
 - c) Compliance with and clarification of data requirements for posting of a vessel on the RFV;
 - d) Development of an electronic registry;
 - e) Proposed SSPs for the RFV from USA.

Cost Recovery for Commission Operations

8. TCC6 recommended that a consultant study be commission for this initiative as it was very complex.

IUU Provisional Vessel List

9. TCC6 reviewed the draft IUU Vessel List and the Current WCPFC IUU Vessel List endorsed the Provisional IUU Vessel List in the TCC6 report Attachments D and E. TCC6 could not make any recommendations on six Chinese vessels listed by the Solomon Islands and urged the two parties to resolve the issues. The following vessels are proposed for the Provisional IUU Vessel list:

Neptune – Georgia
Fa Chun No. 126 - Vanuatu
Liao Dagan Yu 55049 - China
Fu Lien No 1 – No Nationality
Jinn Feng Tsair No 1 – Chinese Taipei
Senta – Panama
Yu Fong 168 – Chinese Taipei

10. CMM 2007-03 outstanding issues included:
- a) Paragraph 3(j) – Vessel owner IUU
 - b) Paragraphs 15 and 25 on national satisfaction
 - c) 120 days prior notice

CCM’s compliance with CMMs

11. Members noted the complexity of completing the Annual Reports and proposed criteria for the Secretariat to revise the reporting scheme using the information management system where possible. The Secretariat seeks the advice and direction of WCPFC7 on its proposal to amend the IMS as well as the Annual Report to address the criteria proposed by the TCC6 small working group (WCPFC7- 2010/25).

12. *Data Gaps* TCC6 endorsed the continued provision of the report on data gaps to the TCC and noted the importance of the provision of complete and accurate data to the Commission and

urged CCMs to improve the provision of this data and where problems occurred, CCMs were to provide a draft plan as to how these difficulties could be overcome so other CCMs could assist to in this matter.

Committee on Compliance with Conservation and Management Measures

13. Australia, working with Canada and others is expected to present a CMM on this item to WCPFC7.

KOBE II

14. Reports on the KOBE II workshops in 2010 and responses to recommendations are included in the Science Committee report and are appended as a separate paper to this report.

Review of CMMs

15. The following CMMs were reviewed:

- a) CMM 2005-02 [South Pacific Albacore]
 - b) CMM 2007-01 [ROP] accenting the value of ROP data to both conservation and management activities
 - c) CMM 2007-04 [Seabird Mitigation Measures] with more work required to mitigate bycatches of seabirds with a focus on deep set line shooters
 - d) CMM 2008-01 [Bigeye and Yellowfin] noting the prime importance of this CMM to the future work of the Commission, **and** highlighting the necessity to extend the 2011 provisions due to expire until a new measure can be developed. Further, the requirement for a mechanism to address non-compliance was an issue identified for further work and advice
 - e) CMM 2009-02 [FADs Closure and Catch Retention] noting the need for further clarification of the definition of FAD by some CCMs
 - f) CMM 2009-06 [Transshipment] is a CMM requiring more attention by WCPFC7 on the practicalities of implementing the measure
 - g) CMM 2009-10 [Monitoring of Purse Seine Port Landings]
- with those requiring WCPFC& attention listed earlier in this meeting.

AGENDA ITEM 3 – ADDITIONAL MCS ISSUES BEFORE THE COMMISSION

16. The following matters were discussed:

- a) ***Port State Measures*** – the EU is expected to table a revised CMM for WCPFC7 consideration.
 - b) ***Catch Documentation Scheme*** – The FFA members are expected to consider the four papers presented under this discussion and present a report to WCPFC7.
17. Other matters including: role of capacity in overfishing, North Pacific Striped Marlin, and port monitoring of purse seine catches had already been addressed in other agenda items.

AGENDA ITEM 4 – APPLICATIONS FOR NON-MEMBER STATUS

18. Ten applications had been received by the Secretariat, and one (Panama) could not be assessed as it was not in the language of the Commission. All nine were recommended for CNM status pending the submission of additional information in accordance with the CMM 2009-11. CNM applicants included: Belize, Democratic Peoples' Republic of Korea, Ecuador, El Salvador, Indonesia, Mexico, Panama (which has resubmitted their application in English for consideration by the Commission), Senegal, Thailand, and Vietnam.

AGENDA ITEM 5 – SPECIAL REQUIREMENT OF SMALL ISLAND DEVELOPING STATES

19. FFA Members volunteered to develop a template for developing CCMs to report their assistance to SIDs for future Commission meetings.

AGENDA ITEM 6 - FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME

20. This item was discussed and an update will be presented for the consideration of WCPFC7.

AGENDA ITEM 7 – SUPPLEMENTARY ITEMS

21. Issues raised by SC6 and NC6 are included in the respective reports to the Commission.
22. TCC6 recommended the conduct of the commission performance review in 2011. A proposed terms of reference for this review is presented for consideration of the Commission.
24. Under relations with other organizations, the EU is expected to table a revised Observer Cross Endorsement MOU to WCPFC7; the Commission is invited to note the NPAFC MOS that has been signed by the Chair of WCPFC and transmitted to NPAFC for their annual meeting in November.
25. Intersessionally it has been determined that an amendment to the MOU with SPC is required to allow SPC access to VMS data for stock assessment and cross verification of observer reports. WCPFC7 is invited to consider and endorse this MOU.