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1. The TCC reviewed the outcomes of a small working group on seabirds, as reported in WCPFC-TCC3-2007/37 and included in this report at Annex X. The deliberations and outcomes of the working group were based on its review of WCPFC-TCC3-2007/22, which contained SC3’s outcomes on seabird by-catch mitigation, and focused on the technical and compliance aspects of the minimum technical specifications for the mitigation measures in Table 1 of CMM 2006-02.

2. With respect to the specifications in WCPFC-TCC3-2007/22 that are not bracketed, the TCC agreed with the working group’s recommendation that the Commission should adopt them as minimum technical specifications, and further recommended that it do so at its annual session in 2007, as called for in paragraph 3 of CMM 2006-02.

3. With respect to the specifications in WCPFC-TCC3-2007/22 that are bracketed, the TCC found the outcomes of the working group to be informative and useful, and recommended that the Commission take those outcomes (Annex X) into consideration in adopting minimum technical specifications at its annual session in 2007, as called for in paragraph 3 of CMM 2006-02.