



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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**Chair of Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Intersessional Working Group:
Nomination from New Zealand**

Dear All,

Members will recall at the end of WCPFC19 in Da Nang, the Commission noted that nominations to fill the vacancy of the Chair of the Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Intersessional Working Group (ER/EM IWG) would be invited intersessionally in 2023 (*see: para. 492 of the WCPFC19 Summary Report*). I am pleased, therefore, to refer you to the attached nomination from New Zealand of Dr. Shelton Harley to Chair the ER/EM IWG.

Dr. Harley's experience in WCPFC is well known to most and as noted in the attached letter from New Zealand, Dr. Harley is currently working on implementation of an electronic monitoring program in New Zealand.

On the expectation that Dr. Harley's nomination is acceptable and to provide the Commission with the best opportunity to make progress on EM work this year, please refer to the request in the attached letter for those who are interested in participating in the IWG to submit your contact details to Dr. Harley (shelton.harley@mpi.govt.nz) and WCPFC Assistant Compliance Manager Eidre Sharp (Eidre.sharp@wcpfc.int) by **Monday 10 July 2023**.

Thank you and I look forward to working with CCMs and other stakeholders to progress this important work throughout the remainder of 2023.

Yours sincerely,

Rhea Moss-Christian
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



22 June 2023

Dear Rhea Moss-Christian

I am writing regarding the role of Chair of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Working Group, which has been vacant since prior to WCPFC19 when the Australian Chair, Claire van de Geest, resigned.

New Zealand is pleased to nominate Dr Shelton Harley for the role of Chair of the Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Working Group. I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter to CCMs and seek their concurrence with this nomination.

Shelton is currently the Transformation Manager for New Zealand's Digital Monitoring Programme. This programme is in the process of rolling out cameras on commercial fishing vessels within New Zealand's Exclusive Economic Zone.

If CCMs are agreeable to this nomination, Shelton would like to begin engagement on EM as soon as possible.

It would be helpful if CCMs could advise Shelton (shelton.harley@mpi.govt.nz) and the Secretariat (Eidre.sharp@wcpfc.int) of the names of their representatives for participation in the ER & EM WG by 10 July 2023.

It should be noted that Shelton is currently considering the value of convening a session on EM in the margins of the Scientific Committee in Palau and will advise on details as soon as possible.

New Zealand looks forward to the reinvigoration of the ER & EM work programme and the support of the WCPFC Secretariat and CCMs in this important work.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Ward'.

Heather Ward
New Zealand Commissioner to WCPFC