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Subject: WCPFC21 Outcomes and a Workplan for the Review of CMM 2017-02 Relating to Port State Minimum Standards

Dear All,

Bula Vinaka and a very warm new year greeting to you all.

At the outset I would like to acknowledge and congratulate Commission members and the Secretariat for a productive and successful annual meeting. Fiji was indeed honoured to host all those that participated and made the 21st session a memorable one. Vinaka Vakalevu!

As an [outcome of WCPFC21](#), I also acknowledge the support and endorsement of Commission members on the need to collectively work towards reviewing the Port States Minimum Standards or [CMM 2017-02](#).

Additionally, I would also like to acknowledge the comments raised during plenary from the broader FFA membership, the PNA, and other CCMs that have indicated support towards the work and provided advice on how to approach the review. Underpinning these comments, I see the need to be strategic in approaching the review process to ensure a clear sense of direction for all CCMs.

In noting the previous Circular dated 16 October 2024 ([Circular 2024/73](#)), the intended work proposed for this year will be guided by feedback and will focus on the following activities:

- a. I propose an online meeting with interested CCMs on **Thursday 13 March 2025**, 10am – 1.30pm (Pohnpei time). Discussions would outline key points and suggested focus for the review based on CCM feedback at various meetings including the margins of TCC20 and WCPFC21.
- b. Information received from the online meeting in (a) to form the basis of another online meeting to be scheduled before TCC21.

- c. An in-person meeting in 2025 either adjacent to or in the margins of TCC21 (24-30 Sept) as per outcomes of WCPFC21.
- d. Post-TCC21 work will include an online meeting leading up to WCPFC22 to review progress of workplan and status of work.

To assist participants on the proposed work, I am sharing a tentative agenda for the 13th March 2025 online meeting (Attachment 1) and the proposed workplan (Attachment 2).

To assist with the intended work, I am interested to hear views from CCMs, in particular, on their experiences in implementing Port State Measures in the context of CMM 2017-02 and interest in joining the proposed online meeting.

I kindly seek for written feedback and views to be provided to me (raicebe.meli@gmail.com), with cc to WCPFC Deputy Compliance Manager, Eidre Sharp (eidre.sharp@wcpfc.int) by **14 February 2025**. This will enable me to confirm the draft 2025 Workplan for the review of CMM 2017-02.

For further reference, please feel free to contact me on email: raicebe.meli@gmail.com or on my official WhatsApp number +679 9928236.

I look forward to the Secretariat's assistance in facilitating the circulation of this correspondence to CCMs and interested parties.

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Chair of the Port State Measures Working Group

TENTATIVE AGENDA FOR FIRST ONLINE MEETING

DATE AND TIME: THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025, 10AM – 1.30PM

ONLINE MEETING ON THE REVIEW OF CMM 2017- 02 PORT STATES MEASURE		
AGENDA 1	WELCOME AND INITIAL REMARKS	FIJI
AGENDA 2	INTRODUCTION OF MEMBERS AND INITIAL REMARKS IN PSM REVIEW	MEMBERS
AGENDA 3	BRIEF ON OUTCOMES OF WCPFC21	WCPFC SECRETARIAT
AGENDA 4	BRIEF ON TENTATIVE WORKPLAN	FIJI
AGENDA 5	OPEN DISCUSSIONS ON WORKPLAN	MEMBERS
AGENDA 6	SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION OF MEETING	FIJI

**Schedule for the review of WCPFC CMM 2017-02
Conservation and Management Measure on Port States 2025**

Timeline	Detailed Activity
14th week of March	First online meeting: Opportunity for CCMs to provide further comments on the current CMM and feedback on the draft workplan.
Last week of March	Circulation of summary of discussion and the identification of key areas of the review.
Early April - late June	Development of initial draft amendment text on CMM 2017-02
23 - 30 September	In-person meeting to discuss development as outcomes of WCPFC21.
October	Proposed online meeting to discuss post TCC development and progress of workplan and status of work.
December	Summary of progress to be presented to WCPFC22 and an opportunity for face-to-face meeting to progress the review and update the Workplan as required.