

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

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**Letter from TCC Chair seeking views on convening a TCC session on Sunday
November 29 2015 in Bali**

Dear All,

Please find attached a letter from the TCC Chair seeking views on whether TCC can be reconvened on **Sunday, November 29, 2015**, in Bali to consider any additional information provided pursuant to Paragraph 19 of CMM 2014-07.

Members are asked to confirm if they have concerns with the proposal by **Friday 16 October 2015**. Members with any views on this matter should submit them to the TCC Chair, Ms Alexa Cole (Alexa.Cole@noaa.gov) and the Secretariat Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott (Lara.Manarangi-Trott@wcpfc.int).

Thanks,



Feleti P Teo, OBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

10 October 2015

I hope that everyone has made it home safe and sound from TCC11, and I thank everyone for a productive and collaborative meeting. As you are well aware, the work of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme does not end with the end of TCC. For the past several years, we have had to spend significant amounts of time in working group sessions in the margin of the Annual Meeting to complete our review of additional information that is provided pursuant to paragraph 19 of CMM 2014-07 (or the equivalent measures in past years). This has resulted in concerns related to concurrent working group sessions at the Annual Meeting, as well as a significant burden on small delegations.

In an effort to lessen that burden and minimize any time spent at the Annual Meeting on the compliance monitoring process, I have consulted with the Secretariat about finding a way to conduct that work in advance. I am proposing that we reconvene the Technical and Compliance Committee in session on **Sunday, November 29, 2015**, in Bali to consider any additional information provided pursuant to Paragraph 19. From that session, we will revise the Provisional Compliance Monitoring Report to WCPFC12. At WCPFC12, we will, as usual, consider and adopt a Final Compliance Monitoring Report.

It is my understanding that many CCMs are already planning to arrive early in Bali to attend preparatory meetings, the FAD management working group (immediately before my proposed meeting), and the Management Options Workshop (immediately after my proposed meeting). I am hopeful that adding this meeting to the schedule will not unduly complicate any CCM's plans.

I am conscious of the fact that many CCMs are already making their travel arrangements, so I would ask that CCMs please notify me (at Alexa.Cole@noaa.gov) and the Compliance Manager (at Lara.Manarangi-Trott@wcpfc.int) **no later than Friday, October 16, 2015**, if they have any objection to my proposal.

On a side note, I do want to express my apologies for missing the last day of TCC11 and my gratitude to Vice Chair Joanna Anderson for so ably stepping in without any notice. Let me assure you nothing short of hospitalization would have kept me from the meeting I enjoy so much! Thanks also for all the kind thoughts and wishes – I am fully recovered and looking forward to seeing everyone in Bali in December.

Thanks,

Alexa Cole
TCC Chair