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SOUTH PACIFIC ALBACORE ROADMAP

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SPA roadmap recommendation

Recommendation: WCPFC14 agrees to the formation of a virtual intersessional process to develop a Roadmap to implement the elements needed for the effective conservation and management for south Pacific albacore. The roadmap will take into account the outcome of a revised stock assessment for south Pacific albacore in 2018 and recommend an overall limit for the fishery, how it could be distributed (taking into account the interests of SIDS) and the actions required to achieve biological and economic stability in the fishery. This roadmap will include recommendations for a review of the existing CMM for south Pacific albacore.

The terms of reference of this intersessional group will be to consider management issues for south Pacific albacore including:

- a. The elements necessary for the implementation of Harvest Strategy approach to the management of the stock;
- b. an allocation process; and
- c. monitoring and reporting priorities, and addressing of gaps, for all fisheries taking south Pacific albacore within the WCPFC convention area.

SC14 shall provide WCPFC15 with advice on technical aspects of the SPA harvest strategy including, for example, a consideration of scientific elements of candidate harvest control rules, and potential components of the management procedure (e.g. the use of CPUE (vulnerable biomass) indices to inform on stock status).

The Commission tasks TCC14 to evaluate monitoring and reporting gaps in the SPA fishery, as well as SIDS and territories implementation considerations.

Based on the evaluations, SC14 and TCC14 will provide any appropriate advice or recommendations to WCPFC15 with respect to informing the development of the Roadmap for improving SPA management.

New Zealand will coordinate this intersessional working group.

New Zealand invites all CCMs with an interest in participating in this intersessional working group to nominate a point of contact to New Zealand before the conclusion of WCPFC14.