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PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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**WCPFC16 Provisional Agenda**

Dear All,

I am pleased to enclose for distribution the Provisional Agenda for the 16<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC16).

The Provisional Agenda was drawn up in close consultation with the Commission Chair, Ms Jung-re Riley Kim and in adherence to rule 2 of the Rules of Procedure. It is now posted on the WCPFC16 website: <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/16th-regular-session-wcpfc>.

The Provisional Agenda seeks to capture the Commission's desire to allow itself adequate time to consider and progress the development of harvest strategies necessary to manage the fisheries and stocks under its purview. With that objective, the matter of harvest strategy is considered under two agenda items, firstly in agenda item 6 which covers the more generic and scene setting topics; and secondly in agenda item 7 which covers the more species-specific harvest strategy issues. The other agenda items cover shark and bycatch issues; the reports of subsidiary bodies; the compliance monitoring scheme and the usual institutional and administrative matters. As in the past, the reports of subsidiary bodies will be taken as read but their specific recommendations for WCPFC16 will be presented for the Commission's consideration and decision.

CCMs with new proposals will have the opportunity to introduce them at the start of the meeting unless their proposals relate to matters that are specifically the subject of other agenda items, in which case they will present them under those agenda items

The Provisional Agenda is submitted for your review and consideration. Any Member of the Commission may under Rule 3 of the Rules of Procedure request the inclusion of supplementary items in the agenda at least thirty days (by 5 November 2019) before the

start of the WCPFC16 on 5 December 2019. Such a request shall be accompanied by a written explanation of the requested supplementary item.

The WCPFC16 Provisional Annotated Agenda which explains what is intended to be discussed under each agenda item will be posted shortly on the WCPFC16 meeting site.

If there is any query concerning the Provisional Agenda, please direct it to me on [feleti.teo@wcpfc.int](mailto:feleti.teo@wcpfc.int).

Yours sincerely,



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**PROVISIONAL AGENDA**

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**WCPFC16-2019-01  
10 October 2019**

**AGENDA ITEM 1. OPENING OF MEETING**

- 1.1 Adoption of agenda
- 1.2 Statements from Members and Participating Territories
- 1.3 Meeting arrangements
  - 1.3.1 Establishment of small working groups (CNMs, CMR, others)

**AGENDA ITEM 2. ANNUAL REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**AGENDA ITEM 3. MEMBERSHIP AND OTHER APPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 Status of the Convention
- 3.2 Update on Observer status
- 3.3 Applications for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status
  - 3.3.1 Participatory rights of CNMs

**AGENDA ITEM 4. NEW PROPOSALS**

**AGENDA ITEM 5. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS OF DEVELOPING STATES**

- 5.1 Implementation of Article 30 of WCPFC Convention and CMM 2013-07 (SIDS special requirements)
- 5.2 Updated Strategic Investment Plan

**AGENDA ITEM 6: HARVEST STRATEGY**

Discussion will focus on progressing implementation of the Agreed Work Plan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06 covering South Pacific albacore, skipjack, bigeye and yellowfin. The species-specific elements of the Work Plan are considered in agenda item 7. The Northern Committee will also provide update on harvest strategies relating to northern stocks when those stocks are considered in agenda item 7.

- 6.1 Overview of Harvest Strategy
- 6.2 Harvest Strategy Display Software
- 6.3 Management Objectives
- 6.4 Performance indicators and Monitoring Strategy
- 6.5 Management Strategy Evaluation
- 6.6 Terms of Reference for a Science-Management Dialogue
- 6.7 Review of Work Plan

## **AGENDA ITEM 7: WCPO TUNA AND BILLFISH STOCKS**

Relevant outcomes from meetings of subsidiary bodies, intersessional working groups and other relevant sources will be presented to facilitate discussions under this agenda item. Some elements of the Harvest Strategy Work Plan for the adoption of harvest strategies under CMM 2014-06 are integrated into the discussions under this agenda item.

- 7.1 General overview of stock status (bigeye, skipjack, SP albacore, yellowfin, Pacific bluefin, NP albacore and NP swordfish)
- 7.2 Bigeye, Skipjack and Yellowfin
  - 7.2.1 Harvest strategies issues
    - 7.2.1.1 Review of target reference point for skipjack
    - 7.2.1.2 Target reference point for bigeye and yellowfin
    - 7.2.1.3 Harvest control rules and management strategy evaluation for skipjack
  - 7.2.2 Review of CMM 2018-01 (bigeye, skipjack, yellowfin)
    - 7.2.2.1 Purse seine limits for high seas
    - 7.2.2.2 Purse seine EEZ limits for concerned CCMs yet to notify their limits
    - 7.2.2.3 Long line limits for bigeye
    - 7.2.2.4 FAD management
    - 7.2.2.5 Other commercial fisheries for bigeye, skipjack and yellowfin
    - 7.2.2.6 New CMM for tropical tunas
- 7.3 South Pacific Albacore
  - 7.3.1 Roadmap for effective conservation and management of SP albacore
  - 7.3.2 Performance indicators
  - 7.3.3 Harvest control rules and management strategy evaluation
  - 7.3.4 Review of CMM 2015-02 (SP albacore)
- 7.4 Pacific bluefin
  - 7.4.1 Harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin
  - 7.4.2 Review of CMM 2018-02 and consideration of any proposed amendments
- 7.5 North Pacific albacore
  - 7.5.1 Harvest strategy for NP albacore
  - 7.5.2 Review of CMM-2005-03 and consideration of any proposed amendments
- 7.6 North Pacific swordfish
  - 7.6.1 Harvest strategy for NP swordfish fisheries
- 7.7 North Pacific striped marlin
  - 7.7.1 Limit reference point for NP striped marlin
  - 7.7.2 Review CMM 2010-01 and consideration of any proposal for a rebuilding plan
- 7.8 South Pacific striped marlin
  - 7.8.1 Limit reference point for SP striped marlin
- 7.9 Others

## **AGENDA ITEM 8: WCPO SHARK STOCKS AND BYCATCH MITIGATION**

Relevant outcomes from meetings of subsidiary bodies, intersessional working groups and other relevant sources will be presented to facilitate discussions under this agenda item.

- 8.1 Review of existing shark measures and consideration of limit reference points for sharks
- 8.2 Proposal for a Comprehensive CMM for Sharks and Rays
- 8.3 Review of CMM 2018-03 on Seabirds
- 8.4 Others

**AGENDA ITEM 9: ADOPTION OF REPORTS FROM SUBSIDIARY BODIES**

The reports of the subsidiary bodies will be taken as read and will not be presented to the Commission. However, recommendations of subsidiary bodies not addressed under other agenda items will be considered under this agenda item. A list of those recommendations will be provided in dedicated reference document.

- 9.1 SC15
- 9.2 NC15
- 9.3 TCC15
- 9.4 Intersessional working groups
  - 9.4.1 Review of the Transshipment Measure CMM 2009-06
  - 9.4.2 E-Reporting and E-Monitoring Working Group

**AGENDA ITEM 10: COMPLIANCE MONITORING SCHEME**

- 10.1 Consideration and adoption of the Final Compliance Monitoring Report (CMR)
- 10.2 Review the workplan of tasks to enhance the Compliance Monitoring Scheme
- 10.3 Expiry of CMM 2018-07 at the end of 2019

**AGENDA ITEM 11: ADOPTION OF THE 2020 IUU VESSEL LIST**

**AGENDA ITEM 12: REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

- 12.1 Report of the Thirteenth Finance and Administration Committee
- 12.2 Budget approval for 2020 and Indicative Budgets for 2021 and 2022

**AGENDA ITEM 13: ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

- 13.1 Secretariat's Corporate Plan
- 13.2 Research projects
  - 13.2.1 ABNJ Project
  - 13.2.2 Pacific Tuna Tagging Project
  - 13.2.3 WCPFC Tissue Bank
  - 13.2.4 WPEA Project
- 13.3 Election of officers
- 13.4 Future meetings

**AGENDA ITEM 14: OTHER MATTERS**

**AGENDA ITEM 15: SUMMARY REPORT OF THE WCPFC16**

**AGENDA ITEM 16: CLOSE OF MEETING**