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PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES, AND OBSERVERS**

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Outcomes Document for WCPFC16

Dear All,

Pursuant to rule 33(2) of the Rules of Procedure for the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), please find enclosed the Provisional Outcomes Document for WCPFC16 which lists all the decisions taken by the Commission at the WCPFC16 meeting recently held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea from 5 to 11 December 2019.

The Outcomes Document has also been posted on the WCPFC16 meeting site. Should there be comments on the Outcomes Document, please submit them together with comments on the Draft Summary Report for WCPFC16 which will be circulated and posted in due course. The Secretariat is presently arranging for posting of copies of all Conservation and Management Measures adopted at WCPFC16 on the WCPFC website.

On behalf of your Secretariat, I wish you all the merriest of Christmas and a most prosperous and fulfilling New Year. We look forward to working with you all in 2020.

Yours Sincerely,



**Feleti Penitala Teo, OBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**



**COMMISSION
SIXTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**
Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea
5 – 11 December 2019

PROVISIONAL OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

**WCPFC16-2019-outcomes
18 December 2019**

Agenda 1.2 – Agenda

1. The agenda was adopted (**Attachment E***).

Agenda 2 – Report of the Executive Director

2. The Commission accepted the 2019 Annual Report of the Executive Director (**WCPFC16-2019-04**).

Agenda 3.1 – Status of the Convention

3. The Commission noted the report on the Status of the WCPF Convention (**WCPFC16-2019-05**).

Agenda 3.2 – Update on Observer Status

4. The Commission accepted Curaçao as a Non-State Party Observer.
5. The Commission agreed to exclude Inter-governmental Organisations from the application of Rule 36 (5) of the Commission Rules of Procedure and agreed to amend Rule 36(5) to omit the cross-reference to subparagraph 36 (1 e).
6. The Commission confirmed that the Secretariat should use 2017, 2018 and 2019 as the base years for the initial application for Rule 36 (5) of the Commission Rules of Procedure.
7. The Commission noted the updated list of observers to the Commission (**WCPFC16-2019-06**).

Agenda 3.3 – Applications for Cooperating Non-Member status

8. The Commission agreed to amend paragraph 3 and paragraph 6 of CMM 2009-11 to include consideration of the attendance by an applicant for Cooperating Non-Member (CNM) status at the TCC and Commission meetings where its application is considered, subject to the applicant being able to attend the meeting as an observer (**Conservation and Management Measure 2019-01, Attachment F***).

9. The Commission approved the applications for CNM status for 2020 from Curaçao, Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Nicaragua, Panama, Thailand and Vietnam.

Agenda 3.3.1 – Participatory Rights of CNMs

10. The Commission agreed to the following limits to be applied to the participatory rights of CNMs (WCPF Convention and CMM 2009-11):
 - a. In accordance with the WCPF Convention and WCPFC conservation and management measures and resolutions, the following participatory rights apply to CNMs for fisheries in the high seas within the WCPF Convention Area;
 - b. In addition, unless otherwise specified below, CNMs may fish in waters under their national jurisdiction or other CCMs' national jurisdiction, in accordance with appropriate bilateral arrangements;
 - c. CNMs shall ensure vessels flying their flags comply with all provisions of the WCPF Convention and the WCPFC conservation and management measures. In addition, CNM vessels will be placed on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels (WCPFC RFV);
 - d. CCMs shall ensure that CNM fishing activities that are conducted in waters under their national jurisdiction in accordance with bilateral arrangements are consistent with all relevant conservation and management measures and provisions of the WCPF Convention; and
 - e. Renewal of CNM status by the Commission will take into account compliance with the national laws and regulations of any licensing CCM, and all conservation and management measures and provisions of the WCPF Convention. CCMs shall identify any violations by vessels flagged to a CNM and report on any investigations of such violations to the Secretariat for attention by TCC.

Participatory rights of each CNM in 2020

11. **Curaçao:** The participatory rights of Curaçao are limited to carrier vessels to engage in transshipment activities in the Convention Area.
12. **Ecuador:** The participatory rights of Ecuador for fishing in the WCPO are limited to purse seine fishing, with no participatory rights for fishing on the high seas for highly migratory fish stocks in the Convention Area. Any introduction of purse seine fishing capacity is to be in accordance with paragraph 12 of CMM 2009-11 and CMM 2018-01 or its replacement measure.
13. **El Salvador:** The participatory rights of El Salvador for fishing in the WCPO are limited to purse seine fishing only. The total level of effort by purse seine vessels of El Salvador on the high seas shall not exceed 29 days in the Convention Area. Any introduction of purse seine fishing capacity is to be in accordance with paragraph 12 of CMM 2009-11 and CMM 2018-01 or its replacement measure
14. **Liberia:** The participatory rights of Liberia are limited to carrier vessels to engage in transshipment activities in the Convention Area.
15. **Nicaragua:** The participatory rights of Nicaragua are limited to purse seine fishing for one vessel, with no participatory rights for fishing on the high seas for highly migratory fish stocks

in the Convention Area. Any introduction of fishing capacity is to be in accordance with paragraph 12 of CMM 2009-11 and CMM 2018-01 or its replacement measure.

16. **Panama:** The participatory rights of Panama in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels. Panama's participatory rights also apply to vessels that supply food, water and spare parts to carrier vessels that engage in transshipment activities, provided that these vessels do not engage in activities supporting fishing vessels, including providing and/or servicing FADs.
17. **Thailand:** The participatory rights of Thailand in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.
18. **Vietnam:** The participatory rights of Vietnam in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.

WCPFC/IATTC Overlap Area

19. In accordance with the decision of WCPFC9 regarding the management of the overlap area bounded by 50°S and 4°S and between 130°W and 150°W, vessels flagged to Ecuador, El Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama will be governed by the IATTC when fishing in the overlap area.
20. In accordance with the Data Exchange MOU agreed by both Commissions, fishing vessels flying the flag of a member of either the IATTC or WCPFC shall cooperate with the RFMO to which they are not a member by voluntarily providing operational catch and effort data for their fishing activities for highly migratory species in the overlap area.
21. For the purpose of investigation of possible IUU fishing activities and consistent with international and domestic laws, vessels flying the flag of a CNM that is a Contracting Party to the IATTC will cooperate with those coastal State members of the WCPFC whose EEZs occur in the overlap area by voluntarily providing VMS reports (date, time and position) to those coastal States when operating in the overlap area.

Agenda 4 – New Proposals

22. All proposals tabled for WCPFC16 consideration were introduced and proponents of proposals were encouraged to discuss them at the margins of the meeting and to report back their progress to plenary.

Agenda 5.1 – Implementation of Article 30 of WCPF Convention and CMM 2013-07 (SIDS Special requirements)

23. WCPFC16 reaffirmed the importance of assessing the impact of proposals on SIDS and encouraged CCMs to undertake such assessment when submitting proposals to the Commission.

Agenda 5.2 – Strategic Investment Plan

24. The Commission approved the Updated 2019 Strategic Investment Plan (**Attachment G***) and tasked the Secretariat to provide additional information and context to the revisions and updates made to the SIP.

Agenda 6.2 – Harvest Strategy Display Software

25. The Commission received a presentation from the Scientific Services Provider on the harvest strategy display software (PIMPLE) and encouraged CCMs to provide feedback to the Scientific Services Provider on the software.

Agenda 6.3 – Management Objectives

26. The Commission reviewed the Management Objectives for tropical tunas contained in CMM 2018-01 and for South Pacific albacore and agreed that there was no need to review the Management Objectives on an annual basis, but they should be amended as required.

Agenda 6.4 – Performance indicators and Monitoring Strategy

27. The Commission considered that it was important to consider economic indicators as performance indicators and encouraged CCMs to assist the Scientific Services Provider by providing economic and other data to assist in development of performance indicators, including in relation to the disproportionate burden on SIDS, particularly with respect to multi-species fisheries.

Agenda 6.5 – Management Strategy Evaluation

28. The Commission agreed to task the Scientific Committee and the Scientific Services Provider with progressing work on a multispecies approach and to report back to the Commission.

Agenda 6.6 – Terms of Reference for a Science-Management Dialogue

29. The Commission noted that the Scientific Services Provider is planning to continue to undertake workshops for individual CCMs to build capacity on harvest strategies.

Agenda Item 6.7 – Review of Harvest Strategy Work Plan

30. The Commission adopted the Updated Indicative Workplan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06 (**Attachment H***).

Agenda 7.2.1.1 – Review of target reference point for skipjack

31. The Commission requested the Scientific Committee to provide advice on:
- a) the formulation of TRPs for skipjack tuna, noting:
 - i) the SC15 advice on a skipjack tuna TRP “*that the Commission may identify a reference year, or set of years, which may be appropriate to use as a baseline for a skipjack TRP.*”; and
 - ii) the approach to the formulation of a skipjack tuna TRP proposed in **WCPFC16-2019-DP01**.
 - b) effort creep estimated in relation to the TRPs.
32. The Commission also requested the Scientific Service Provider to revise **WCPFC16-2019-15** using candidate revised interim skipjack TRPs of 42%, 44%, 46%, 48% and 50% of SB/SBF=0.

Agenda 7.2.1.2 – Target reference point for bigeye and yellowfin

33. The Commission requested the Scientific Committee to provide advice on the formulation of TRPs for bigeye and yellowfin tuna for other candidate TRP indicators other than depletion ratio, such as longline CPUE.
34. The Commission further requested the Scientific Service Provider to conduct an analysis for bigeye and yellowfin tuna similar to that undertaken in **WCPFC16-2019-14** for skipjack. It further tasked SC16 in 2020 to review the bigeye and yellowfin assessments, advise on the uncertainty grid and provide advice on the range of depletion for analysis. With regard to the range of depletion, the Commission tasked the Scientific Service Provider to conduct the analysis and present their outcomes in 2020 to the TCC16 and WCPFC17.
35. The Commission considered the development of target reference points for bigeye and yellowfin and agreed that in the interim paragraphs 12 and 14 of CMM 2018-01 be retained. It further tasked the Scientific Committee and the Science Services Provider to continue to explore potential candidate target reference points for the two stocks.

Agenda 7.2.2 – Review of CMM 2018-01 (bigeye, skipjack, yellowfin)

36. The Commission acknowledged the need to negotiate a successor measure to replace CMM 2018-01 which will expire at end of 2020.

Agenda 7.2.2.1 – Purse seine limits for high seas

37. The Commission agreed to consider the requirements of paragraph 28 of CMM 2018-01 at an extended WCPFC17 meeting which will be a seven (7) day regular annual session in 2020.

Agenda 7.2.2.2 – Purse seine EEZ limits for concerned CCMs yet to notify their limits

38. The Commission noted the notifications in reference to paragraph 25 of CMM 2018-01 on purse seine EEZ limits that were submitted by the Philippines, Korea and Chinese Taipei (in **WCPFC16-2019-IP04**) and the subsequent update from Philippines (**WCPFC16-2019-DP25**).

Agenda 7.2.2.3 – Long line limits for bigeye

39. The Commission agreed to consider the requirements of paragraph 44 of CMM 2018-01 at an extended WCPFC17 meeting which will be a seven (7) day regular annual session in 2020.

Agenda 7.2.2.4 – FAD management

40. The Commission tasked the FAD Management Options Intersessional Working Group to meet in 2020 to consider the report and recommendations of the second Joint t-RFMO FAD Management Working Group and to report back to the Commission on the merits and relevance for tropical tunas of those recommendations.

Agenda 7.2.2.5 – Other commercial fisheries for bigeye, skipjack and yellowfin

41. The Commission noted the progress being made in Indonesia and the Philippines in respect of data collection for other fisheries for bigeye, yellowfin and skipjack in their waters.

42. The Commission tasked the Scientific Services Provider, in collaboration with Indonesia and the Philippines, to develop a paper containing all information on ‘other fisheries’ to be presented to the Scientific Committee and Technical Compliance Committee in 2020, to review and advise the Commission with the aim of reviewing paragraph 51 in CMM 2018-01 to ensure appropriate limits can be determined, measures and assessed in the Compliance Monitoring Scheme.

Agenda 7.3.1 – Roadmap for effective conservation and management of SP albacore

43. The Commission agreed to reinvigorate the South Pacific Albacore Roadmap Working Group in 2020 under the leadership of Fiji and for it to continue to work intersessionally to develop the Roadmap for Effective Conservation and Management of South Pacific Albacore.

44. The Commission further agreed that the South Pacific Albacore Roadmap Working Group would meet in the margins of SC16 and TCC16 and that during the intersessional period it would work to develop its workplan and terms of reference.

Agenda 7.3.2 – Performance indicators

45. The Commission noted the progress on the development of performance indicators for South Pacific Albacore.

Agenda 7.3.3 – Harvest control rules and management strategy evaluation

46. The Commission noted the progress on the development of harvest control rules and management strategy evaluation for South Pacific albacore.

Agenda 7.3.4 – Review of CMM 2015-02 (SP albacore)

47. The Commission noted that possible future amendments to CMM 2015-02 would be among the matters to be considered through the South Pacific Albacore Roadmap Working Group.

Agenda 7.4.1 – Harvest strategy for Pacific bluefin

48. The Commission noted the update from the Northern Committee on the progress on the development of harvest strategy for Pacific Bluefin.

Agenda 7.4.2 – Review of CMM 2018-02 and consideration of any proposed amendments

49. The Commission adopted **Conservation and Management Measure 2019-02, Attachment I*** which amends CMM 2018-02 *Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin tuna*.

Agenda 7.5.1 – Harvest strategy for NP albacore

50. The Commission noted the update from the Northern Committee on the progress on the development of harvest strategy for North Pacific albacore.

Agenda 7.5.2 – Review of CMM-2005-03 and consideration of any proposed amendments

51. The Commission adopted **Conservation and Management Measure 2019-03, Attachment J*** which amends CMM 2005-03 Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Albacore, by removing the reporting requirement set out in paragraph 3.

Agenda 7.6 – North Pacific swordfish

Agenda 7.6.1 – Harvest strategy for NP swordfish fisheries

52. The Commission accepted the recommendation from the Northern Committee on a harvest strategy for North Pacific Swordfish (**Attachment K***).

Agenda 7.7.2 – Review CMM 2010-01 and consideration of any proposal for a rebuilding plan

53. The Commission adopted the Interim Rebuilding Plan for North Pacific Striped Marlin (**Attachment L***).

Agenda 7.8.1 – Limit reference point for SP striped marlin

54. The Commission noted with concern the current status of South Pacific striped marlin and agreed to revisit the limit reference point in 2020 at WCPFC17.

Agenda 7.9 – SW Pacific Broadbill swordfish

55. The Commission tasked the Scientific Committee in 2021 (SC17) to provide an evaluation of the long-term future of the southwest Pacific swordfish stock status under CMM 2009-03 based upon

the latest SC-agreed stock assessment, utilising a limited number of projections. Projections should include:

- a. “Status quo” – this projection will assume recent (2016 to 2018) levels of fishing both north and south of 20°S.
- b. “Fully caught limits” – this projection will assume recent (2016 to 2018) levels of fishing north of 20°S and CCM-nominated maximum total catch levels (para 4 CMM 2009-13) of fishing south of 20°S.
- c. “Max catch” - this projection will assume peak (2011 to 2013) levels of fishing north 20°S and CCM-nominated maximum total catch levels (para 4 CMM 2009-13) of fishing south of 20°S.
- d. An additional limited number of projections which assume a range of fixed catch scenarios that are a percentage above and below “status quo” (such as -10% and +10%) that result in a range of upward and downward longterm biomass trends.

WCPFC16 noted that this work would be funded via a voluntary contribution by Australia so as to not impact on Commission budget allocations for other priority work.

56. The Commission tasked the Scientific Committee in 2020 (SC16) to consider a review (self-funded and developed by Australia, in consultation with interested CCMs) of possible measures and options relevant to the management of swordfish taken as bycatch in longline fisheries. The review may include information from available research and literature, logbook and observer data (in appropriately aggregated forms).

57. The Commission requested the WCPFC Chair to write to the IATTC Chair to:

- a. Express the Commission’s significant concern over the lack of scientific assessment and specific management measures for South Pacific Swordfish in the IATTC area;
- b. Seek that the IATTC prioritise the development of a management measure that ensures catch levels are maintained within sustainable levels, and
- c. Urge cooperation between IATTC and WCPFC on this issue.

Agenda 8.1 – Review of existing shark measures and consideration of limit reference points for sharks

58. The Commission noted that the Scientific Committee is working on appropriate LRPs under Project 103 and encouraged the Scientific Committee to develop appropriate LRPs given their importance in harvest strategies.

Agenda 8.2 – Proposal for a Comprehensive CMM for Sharks and Rays

59. The Commission adopted Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks (**Conservation and Management Measure 2019-04, Attachment M***). The Commission further agreed that this measure would become effective on 01 November 2020 and that it shall replace CMM 2010-07 Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks, CMM 2011-04 Conservation and Management Measure for Oceanic Whitetip Sharks, CMM 2012-04 Conservation and Management Measure for the protection of whale sharks from purse seine operations, CMM

2013-08 Conservation and Management Measure for Silky Sharks, and CMM 2014-05 Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks at that time.

60. The Commission also agreed that there would be an additional twelve-month period before Indonesia is expected to implement the new shark conservation and management measure.

Agenda 8.3 – Review of CMM 2018-03 on Seabirds

61. The Commission adopted the Safe Handling and Release Guidelines for seabirds as a Supplement to **CMM 2018-04, Attachment N***.
62. WCPFC16 noted that, in view of analyzing the effectiveness of night setting within the seabird bycatch mitigation measure, the Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) set time will need to be provided or obtainable from the WCPFC ROP longline data field.
63. WCPFC16 supported the analysis of overlap between fishing effort distribution and species-specific seabird distribution (as outlined in SC15-EB-WP-03) to both the WCPO Southern and Northern Hemispheres and to support an assessment of risk to populations resulting from fisheries-induced mortalities.

Agenda 8.4.1 – Manta and Mobulid Rays

64. The Commission tasked the Scientific Services Provider with reviewing the data available via the Regional Observer Program and *Scientific data to be provided to the Commission* and identify any additional data requirements to undertake an assessment, either via traditional stock assessments or on the basis of quantitative risk assessments, ecological risk assessments, indicators assessments, or other data-poor analytical techniques. Such information shall be considered by the Scientific Committee to advise the Commission on the feasibility and schedule for an assessment for mobulid rays.
65. If the Scientific Committee advises that an assessment is feasible, and resources are made available, the Commission tasks the Scientific Services Provider to present, by 2023, an assessment of the status of mobulids to the Scientific Committee.
66. The Commission adopted the Conservation and Management Measure on Mobulid Rays caught in association with fisheries in the WCPFC Convention Area (**Conservation and Management Measure 2019-05, Attachment O***).
67. The Commission requests the Scientific Committee to recommend, whenever considered adequate based on evolving knowledge and scientific advice, further improvements to the handling practices detailed in Annex 1 of **CMM 2019-05**.

Agenda 8.4.2 – Cetaceans

68. The Commission tasks the Scientific Committee in 2020 (SC16) to develop and recommend best handling practices for the release of cetaceans, taking into account existing standards or guidelines adopted in other fora, for consideration at WCPFC17.
69. The Commission tasks the Scientific Services Provider to review available data to provide estimates of fishery interaction types and levels with cetaceans, without respect to particular

flags, to the lowest possible taxonomic level, in the WCPF Convention Area, and to provide a report to the Scientific Committee for its review.

Agenda 9.1 – SC15

70. The Commission noted the recommendations from SC15 set out in **WCPFC16-2019-27** and adopted the SC15 Summary Report (**WCPFC16-2019-SC15**).

Agenda 9.2 – NC15

71. The Commission noted the subsequent discussions that occurred at WCPFC16 related to North Pacific Swordfish and Pacific Bluefin and adopted the report of NC15 (**WCPFC16-2019-NC15**).

72. The Commission noted that Japan would host the next meeting of the Northern Committee – IATTC Working Group for Pacific Bluefin Tuna in late July 2020, and that this includes a one-day meeting of its Pacific Bluefin CDS Working Group.

Agenda 9.3 – TCC15

73. The Commission noted the recommendations from TCC15 set out in **WCPFC16-2019-28**.

74. The Commission agreed to establish the VMS-Small Working Group (SWG) to address the VMS data gap and improve the number of vessels reporting to the Commission VMS for consideration by TCC16 (TCC Summary Report, paragraph 211). The Commission agreed that the SWG would be co-chaired by the USA and Australia.

75. The Commission noted that the update of the TCC Workplan would be progressed electronically during 2020.

76. The Commission adopted the Summary Report of TCC15 (**WCPFC16-2019-TCC15**).

Agenda 9.4.1 – Review of the Transshipment Measure CMM 2009-06

77. The Commission noted the report on the progress by the IWG to Review the Transshipment Measure CMM 2009-06 (TS-IWG) from the Co-Chairs.

78. The Commission agreed to TS-IWG to continue its work in 2020. Following significant progress on its draft Scope of Work for the analysis of transshipment information, the TS-IWG will reconvene electronically in 2020. While the IWG was able to reach agreement on a considerable number of elements in the draft, a few outstanding issues remain which the IWG will need to consider and agree upon intersessionally. The TS-IWG Co-Chairs will welcome comments only on the outstanding proposed language in the draft Scope of Work by **13 January 2020**. The Co-Chairs will circulate the updated Scope of Work following the conclusion of WCPFC16 and provide further instructions to the IWG by email.

Agenda 9.4.2 – E-reporting and E-monitoring working group

79. The Commission noted the intersessional progress by the Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring Working Group on the development of draft Minimum Standards for Electronic Monitoring Programmes.

80. The Commission endorsed the following objectives for electronic monitoring: “The objectives of the Commission Electronic Monitoring Programme shall be to collect verified catch and effort data, other scientific data, and additional information related to the fishery from the Convention Area and to monitor the implementation of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission”.

81. The Commission agreed that the conclusions from Project 93 in relation to data gaps be considered in the implementation of regional electronic monitoring standards.

Agenda 10.1 – Consideration and adoption of the Final Compliance Monitoring Report

82. The Commission adopted the Final Compliance Monitoring Report for 2019 (**WCPFC16-2019-finalCMR, Attachment P***).

Agenda 10.2 – Review of the workplan of tasks to enhance the Compliance Monitoring Scheme

83. The Commission noted the recommendations from TCC15 and the progress on the workplan of tasks to enhance the Compliance Monitoring Scheme as set out in **WCPFC16-2019-30**.

84. The Commission agreed to establish a Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS) Intersessional Working Group under the leadership of the Vice-Chair of TCC, Dr Robert Day (Canada) which would work virtually to progress work intersessionally to undertake the CMS Future Work, including on audit points and the risk-based framework.

Agenda 10.3 – Expiry of CMM 2018-07 at the end of 2019

85. The Commission adopted **Conservation and Management Measure 2019-06, Attachment Q*** which amends the Compliance Monitoring Scheme CMM (CMM 2018-07) and extends the Scheme for a further two years.

List of Obligations to be Reviewed by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2020

86. The Commission agreed to the List of Obligations to be reviewed by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2020, covering 2019 activities (**Attachment R***).

87. The Commission noted that this is the third time the list of obligations is being rolled over and tasked the TCC16 to recommend a proposed list of obligations to be assessed in 2021 (covering 2020 activities) for consideration by WCPFC17 in 2020.

Agenda 11 – Adoption of the 2020 IUU Vessel List

88. The Commission agreed to maintain the three vessels currently on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List and adopted the 2020 WCPFC IUU Vessel List (**Attachment S***).

89. The Commission approved the TCC15 recommendations that the Executive Director request information about the vessels on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List and to promptly advise CCMs.

90. The Commission approved the TCC15 recommendations that the Executive Director ensure that details on name and nationality of master and beneficial owners are captured for any future listings on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List.
91. The Commission adopted **Conservation and Management Measure 2019-07, Attachment T*** which amends CMM 2010-06, to include “master of the vessel at the time of the IUU fishing activities, and the nationality(ies) of that master” as a new subparagraph in paragraph 19.)

Agenda 12 – Report of FAC13

92. The Commission adopted the report of the Thirteenth Session of the FAC (WCPFC16-2019-FAC13), including the 2020 budget of \$ 8,118,261 and indicative budgets for 2021 and 2022 of \$ 8,074,268 and \$ 8,087,288 respectively (**Attachments U***).
93. The Commission adopted the FAC13 recommendation to amend the Financial Regulations to add a new sub-paragraph 7.8 as follows:
- “REGULATION 7 SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FUND*
- 7.8: For the purposes of supporting attendance by Chairs of SC, TCC, FAC Co- Chair and the WCPFC Vice Chair from Small Island Developing States to the Annual Session, Financial Regulation 7.5 and 7.7 on the application process and reporting requirements, respectively, shall be waived.*
94. The Commission agreed to offset the annual assessed contributions by an additional USD50,000 from the CNM Fund.
95. The final adopted 2021 budget and Annexes are provided in (**Attachment V***).

Agenda 13.1 – Secretariat’s Corporate Plan

96. The Commission noted the medium-term WCPFC Secretariat Corporate Plan 2020-2023 as a living document to guide the work of the Secretariat and agreed for the Secretariat to proceed to finalise it as an internal planning document (**WCPFC16-2019-32**).

Agenda 13.2.1 – ABNJ Project

97. The Commission noted the updates on Progress of the Project on Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation in areas beyond national jurisdictions and that the project is ending at the end of 2020 (**WCPFC16-2019-33**). The Commission was also informed on arrangements for a potential second phase to the project.

Agenda 13.2.2 – Pacific Tuna Tagging Project

98. The Commission noted the updates on the Pacific Tuna Tagging Project (**WCPFC16-2019-34**).

Agenda 13.2.3 – WCPFC Tissue Bank

99. The Commission noted the updates on Project 35b: WCPFC Tuna Tissue Bank (**WCPFC16-2019-35**).

Agenda 13.2.4 – WPEA Project

100. The Commission noted the updates on the WPEA project (**WCPFC16-2019-36**).

Agenda 13.2A.1. – Japan proposal to compare high seas VMS data with AIS data

101. Despite general support for the proposal, Japan withdrew its proposal with the aim to conduct further consultations and present the proposal for consideration by the Scientific Committee before re-tabling it to the Commission.

Agenda 13.2A.2. – MOU with SPRFMO

102. The Commission endorsed amendments to the draft text of an MOU between SPRFMO and WCPFC to be referred to SPRFMO for the consideration of the SPRFMO Commission (**Attachment X***).

Agenda 13.2A.3. – Climate change

103. The Commission adopted the Resolution on Climate Change as it Relates to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission. (**Resolution 2019-01, Attachment X***).

Agenda 13.2A.4 – Expiry of Charter Notification CMM

104. The Commission agreed to extend the Charter Notification CMM (CMM 2016-05) for a further two years (**Conservation and Management Measure 2019-08, Attachment Y***).

105. The Commission encouraged Chartering CCMs to report on their application of the chartering measure to EEZs, high seas, or both EEZs and high seas.

106. The Commission agreed that the Scientific Committee, the Technical and Compliance Committee, and the Commission would continue to consider improvements to the charter notification requirements and/or the treatment of chartered vessels under the Commission's conservation and management measures more generally.

Agenda 13.4 – Election of officers

107. The Commission made the following appointments to Commission positions commencing in 2020:

- a) Ms. Camille Movick-Inatio (FSM) and Mr. Michael Brakke (USA) as FAC Co-Chairs; and
- b) Mr. Ueta Faasili Jr (Samoa) as SC Chair, and Dr. Tuikolongahau Halafihi (Tonga) as SC Vice-Chair.

108. In support of 2020 Intersessional Working Group (IWG) activities, to be progressed electronically and as appropriate through face-to-face meetings, the Commission confirmed the following:

- a) Mr. Tom Graham (USA) would continue to lead the TCC Observer-related IWG;
- b) Mr. Craig Strong (Fiji) would continue to lead the South Pacific Albacore Roadmap IWG;
- c) Ms. Kerry Smith (Australia) would continue to lead the ERandEM IWG;
- d) Mr. Sam Lanwi (RMI) and Mr. Alex Kahl (United States) would continue to co-chair the Transshipment Review IWG;
- e) Mr. Terry Boone (USA) and a representative from Australia (tbc) would co-chair the VMS SWG;
- f) Mr Bradley Philip (FSM) would continue to lead the FAD Management Options IWG; and
- g) Dr Robert Day (Canada) would lead the Compliance Monitoring Scheme IWG;

Agenda 13.5 – Future meetings

109. In 2020, the Commission agreed that:

- a) **SC16** would be held in Apia, Samoa from Tuesday 11 August to Thursday 20 August 2020;
- b) **NC16** would be held in Japan at a date to be advised in early September 2020;
- c) **TCC16** would be held in Pohnpei, FSM from Wednesday 23 September to Tuesday 29 September 2020; and
- d) **WCPFC17** would be held as a seven-day meeting with FAC13 and the HOD meeting held immediately prior, at a date to be advised in December 2020. As there was no offer to host the meeting, the Secretariat was tasked to find a suitable location for the meeting and advise CCMs and Observers accordingly. The Commission also approved the use of the working capital fund by the Secretariat, if necessary, to supplement the costs of the WCPFC17 meeting.

110. In 2020, the Commission also agreed to the following Intersessional Working Group to hold face-to-face meetings:

- a) **SP albacore Roadmap** would hold two face-to-face meetings, the first to be held immediately prior to SC16 in Apia, Samoa on Monday 10 August 2020 and the second to be held immediately following TCC16 in Pohnpei, FSM on Wednesday 30 September 2020.
- b) The **FAD Management Options Working Group** would hold its meeting alongside SC16 at a date to be advised, in Apia, Samoa.
- c) The **ERandEMWG** would hold a two-day face-to-face meeting immediately prior to TCC16 in Pohnpei, FSM from Monday 21 to Tuesday 22 September 2020.

Agenda item 14 – Other matters

111. There were no matters discussed under this agenda item.

DRAFT LIST OF ATTACHMENTS FOR WCPFC16 DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT
(note order and numbering of attachments may change)

Attachment A*	WCPFC16 List of Participants
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Attachment E*	WCPFC16 Agenda – as adopted (WCPFC16-2019-01 + <i>new agenda 13.2A (1-4)</i>)
Attachment F*	CMM 2019-01 Cooperating Non-Members
Attachment G*	Updated Strategic Investment Plan (WCPFC16-2019-08 Attachment 1)
Attachment H*	Updated Harvest Strategy Workplan
Attachment I*	CMM 2019-02 Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin
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Attachment M*	CMM 2019-04 Conservation and Management Measure for Sharks
Attachment N*	Guidelines for Safe Handling and Release of Seabirds (supplement to CMM 2018-04)
Attachment O*	CMM 2019-05 Conservation and Management Measure on Mobulid Rays caught in association with fisheries in the WCPFC Convention Area
Attachment P*	Final Compliance Monitoring Report covering 2018 activities (WCPFC16-2019-finalCMR)
Attachment Q*	CMM 2019-06 Conservation and Management Measure for Compliance Monitoring Scheme
Attachment R	Agreed List of obligations to be assessed by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2020
Attachment S*	WCPFC IUU Vessel List for 2020
Attachment T*	CMM 2019-07 Conservation and Management Measure for the WCPFC IUU Vessel List
Attachment U*	Summary Report of 13th Regular Session of Finance and Administrative Committee (WCPFC16-2019-FAC13)
Attachment V*	Final adopted 2020 budget and annexes
Attachment W*	DRAFT MOU WITH SPRFMO (WP37 as amended onscreen)
Attachment X*	Resolution 2019-01 Resolution on Climate Change as it relates to the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission
Attachment Y*	CMM 2019-08 Conservation and Management Measure on Charter Notification Scheme.