



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

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**ERandEM Working Group Meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> October 2020**

Dear All,

As required, I circulate for information and attention the enclosed self-explanatory letter from the Chair of the Electronic Reporting and Electronic Monitoring (ERandEM) Working Group; Ms Kerry Smith dated 13 September 2020 setting out the proposed arrangements in support of an online meeting for the Working Group on 14<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

If you have any query concerning this circular and the enclosed letter please direct them to Ms Kerry Smith at [Kerry.smith@afma.gov.au](mailto:Kerry.smith@afma.gov.au) and copied to the Secretariat's Assistant Compliance Manager; Ms Eidge Sharp at [eidre.sharp@wcpfc.int](mailto:eidre.sharp@wcpfc.int).

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Feleti Penitala Teo".

**Feleti Penitala Teo, OBE  
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

13/09/2020

Dear CCMs

I write to you as chair of the ERandEM Working Group (WG) to update you on the current work of the ERandEMWG and meeting arrangements in 2020.

In Commission Circular 2020-44, I sought nominations for a drafting group to assist in drafting a conservation measure for an electronic monitoring programme (EMP) for WCPFC that is based around minimum standards. That work has continued throughout the year and has highlighted some key areas requiring further discussions.

At the Heads of Delegation meeting on 5 September 2020, I sought clarification from the Acting TCC Chair and members as to whether there was any change to the decision at WCPFC16 to hold a meeting of the ERandEMWG in 2020. The Acting Chair confirmed that there was no change. Following discussions with the WCPFC Secretariat and noting the decision as outlined in Commission Circular 2020-84 that provided some flexibility in how a meeting may be convened, alternative meeting arrangements are now proposed for the ERandEMWG.

Noting the short amount of time available to us before the TCC16 meeting, I propose that a meeting of the ERandEMWG be held on Wednesday 14 October 2020. In line with TCC16 arrangements as outlined by the TCC Acting Chair in Commission Circular 2020/98, the meeting will commence at 10am (Pohnpei time) and will be for four hours duration.

A draft agenda will be circulated in due course.

In the meantime, I am finalising comments on the draft CMM and will be posting the next version on the online discussion forum prior to TCC16 as well as sending to drafting group members. The agenda sent with Commission Circular 2020/98 also has a placeholder for substantive discussions on e-technologies including electronic monitoring (Agenda 7.3).

I encourage all CCMs to consider how to progress this important work in 2020 and welcome any comments on the above.

Kind regards



Kerry Smith