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**DRAFT DECISION TEXT ON A PROCESS FOR CMM 2018-01 - REVISION 1**

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**Submission by FFA Member CCMs**

## **FFA Delegation Paper to update the draft decision text on a process for the Tropical Tuna Measure**

The Commission agreed

- to convene a series of week-long workshops – one to be held in April 2021 and at least another two to be held in the second half of 2021 prior to WCPFC 18 – to discuss any proposals to enhance the tropical tuna measure. All efforts would be made to avoid conflict of timing with Pacific fisheries meetings and other RFMO meetings.
- that tropical tuna measure should continue to support the pathway for the adoption of harvest strategies, in accordance with the work plan and indicative timeframes set out in the Agreed Work Plan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06. To this end, the first workshop would focus on a discussion on the objectives and scope of a new measure.
- that this first workshop would provide clarity on the information needed by the Commission, including the analyses required from the SSP, to enhance the tropical tuna measure.
- that given the likelihood that some or all of these workshops would be virtual, and given the challenges already identified with this format, it is essential for CCMs to engage cooperatively in the intersessional period between workshops to provide the best possible opportunity for an enhanced CMM.
- that proposals or other supporting papers to support discussions must be submitted 30 days in advance of the date fixed for the opening of each workshop to ensure all Members and SPC have adequate time to review the information.
- that the workshops would aim to discuss all proposals made by Members and make progress towards an enhanced CMM. Proposals must be accompanied by a complete and accurate 2013-06 SIDS' impact assessment as is required by CMM 2013-06 which SIDS have been fully consulted on in advance to maximise the benefits of this important process.
- that the workshops would be chaired by the Chairperson of the Commission and be focussed on enhancing the tropical tuna measure.
- If sufficient progress is made, the Chairperson, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will prepare a new CMM for discussion at WCPFC18 based on the discussions at the workshops, without prejudice to any Member's right to make proposals to WCPFC18.
- that any new CMM shall be fully consistent with the WCPF Convention, in particular Articles 10 and 30 of the Convention, CMM 2013-06 and CMM 2013-07. As part of the preparation for the WCPFC workshops, early consultation with SIDS on the full recognition of the special requirements of SIDS under CMM 2013-07 and the SIDS

impact assessments required under CMM 13-06 and active consideration of the requirements of CMM 13-07 must be progressed.

- that it was essential to avoid a situation in which the WCPO had no tropical tuna CMM.

**For ease of reference, the changes to the text in the earlier FFA Delegation Paper 13 is set out below:**

The Commission agreed

- to convene a series of week-long workshops in ~~June [date], [October [date]] and [November [date]] in 2022~~ – one to be held in April 2021 and at least another two to be held in the second half of 2021 prior to WCPFC 18 – to discuss any proposals to enhance the tropical tuna measure. All efforts would be made to avoid conflict of timing with Pacific fisheries meetings and other RFMO meetings.
- that tropical tuna measure should continue to support the pathway for the adoption of harvest strategies, in accordance with the work plan and indicative timeframes set out in the Agreed Work Plan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06. To this end, the first workshop would focus on a discussion on the objectives and scope of a new measure.
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- If sufficient progress is made, the Chairperson, with the assistance of the Secretariat, will prepare a new CMM for discussion at WCPFC~~18-2021~~ based on the discussions at the workshops, without prejudice to any Member's right to make proposals ~~in their own right~~ to WCPFC18.
- That any new CMM shall be fully consistent with the WCPF Convention, in particular Articles 10 and 30 of the Convention, ~~and paragraphs 1 and 2 of~~ CMM 2013-06 and CMM 2013-07. As part of the preparation for the WCPFC workshops, early consultation with SIDS on the full recognition of the special requirements of SIDS under CMM 2013-07 and the SIDS impact assessments required under CMM 13-06 and active consideration of the requirements of CMM 13-07 must be progressed.
- That it was essential to avoid a situation in which the WCPO had no tropical tuna CMM.