

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

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Dear All

UPDATES ON COMMISSION MATTERS

With a number of meetings coming up along with some key reporting dates I have taken the opportunity to write to you about these and other issues that you might find of interest happening in the Commission.

Cancellation of CDS Working Group Meeting Proposed for Fiji in July.

A number of members expressed a desire for this meeting to be held in October while others preferred it electronically. Therefore we will cancel the proposed July meeting and find a date in October and again the meeting will be in either Fiji or New Caledonia.

Tropical Tuna Measure Workshop Japan August 27-30.

To confirm this workshop will be held in Tokyo, 27 – 30 August 2013 at the Mita Conference Centre. A separate circular on arrangements will be forward to you shortly.

Appointment of Assistant Compliance Manager

I am pleased to announce that the Secretariat expects to be welcoming Ms ‘Ana Taholo, from Kingdom of Tonga to Pohnpei later this month. We are looking forward to ‘Ana landing into Pohnpei on or around the 17th June.

Ad Hoc Task Group [data]

WCPFC9 Circular No.: 2013/07 stated the following:

"WCPFC9 summary report paragraph 415 tasked the AHTG-Data to continue to work interessionally on the procedures to facilitate chartering CCMs access to WCPFC data. In accordance with the adopted workplan, CCMs are to provide response back to chair of the AHTG-Data on the propose changes in the rules (Attachment 1 of WCPFC9-2012-36 by May 31, 2013."

One response was received from Japan to this call for comments, see **Attachment 1**.

With ‘Ana Taholo joining the Secretariat, a new Chair will need to be appointed for this task.

ROP-TAG

The Secretariat is working with the ROP-TAG Chair Phil Lens to ensure that issues on the agenda of the advisory group can be dealt with and hopefully finalized at the TCC meeting and referred to the WCPFC. Further advice on the ROP-TAG will follow next week.

Management Objectives Workshop

The working group met in Honolulu in May and the facilitator Ian Cartwright has produced a draft strawman document that will soon be circulated.

Booking early for SC9 and TCC9

The Village Hotel, which accommodated some WCPFC CCM participants, has recently closed for business, which has reduced the number of available rooms in Pohnpei during this years SC and TCC. August is also a peak season for travel in the North Pacific. Early booking of flights and accommodation for both SC9 and TCC9 is highly recommended. A list of available accommodation is provided in the SC9 meeting notice (<http://www.wcpfc.int/doc/WCPFC-SC9-2013-01/Meeting-notice-and-information>), and participants are encouraged to book directly with their chosen accommodation venue.

The TCC9 agenda and meeting notice will be circulated before the end of June.

Annual Report Part 2 online interface and CMR preparations

Since the launch in April, Lara and Sam have been working directly and assisting many CCMs with using the online system, as well as taking comments and feedback. Where opportunities have arisen, the Secretariat has demonstrated the Annual Report Part 2 online interface to CCMs.

Preparations are currently underway within the Secretariat for draft Compliance Monitoring Report work. Hopefully with all CCMs submitting their Annual Report Part 2 using the online interface and on time, it is expected that this years draft Compliance Monitoring Reports will be able to be prepared by the Secretariat using a similar online interface.

For those CCMs who require assistance with Annual Report Part 2 online interface, including if your CCM-specific password and login has been misplaced, please contact Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott (lara.manarangi-trott@wcpfc.int) and she will be more than happy to assist.

Deadlines for the provision of reports

There are a few deadlines coming up, and attached is a summary list of key dates for 2013 (**Attachment 2**).

Solar panel installation

The work at the Secretariat to install solar panels has now been completed and the electricity is being used to offset our costs. This is being monitored and we will report at WCPFC10 on the success of this initiative. Along with solar installation we have conducted an energy audit of the Commission headquarters and it suggests we need to do some rewiring to larger gauge electrical cable and we will bring a proposal on this to the annual meeting.

Thanks



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Japan suggestion for AHTG-data (Circular 2013/07)

5. CCMs shall have access to data to serve the purposes of the Convention, including data: (c bis) covering vessels which operate under charter, lease or other similar mechanisms for the purpose of conducting fishing operations in the Convention Area which are notified under the Conservation and Management Measure for the Charter Notification Scheme or its replacement measure for the period of the charter, lease or other similar mechanisms.

19. CCMs shall have access to Non-Public Domain data to serve the purposes of the Convention, including data:

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Possible amendments to 2009 High Seas Data Access Rules and Procedures to include a general rule related to chartering members and territories:

13. Authorized MCS Entities and Personnel may request and shall receive data covered by these Rules and Procedures for (i) vessels that fish in waters under their jurisdiction, and (ii) vessels applying to fish in their national waters, unload in their ports or tranship within waters under their jurisdiction, or (iii) vessels which do operate, under charter, lease or other similar mechanisms for the purpose of conducting fishing operations in the Convention Area which are notified under the Conservation and Management Measure for the Charter Notification Scheme or its replacement measure for the period of the charter, lease or other similar mechanisms, except where paragraph 24 is applicable

Meeting dates and reporting deadlines for remainder of 2013 (for further detail or reporting deadlines please see Circular No.: 2013/12, 1 Mar 2013)

June 30: Expiry of WCPFC Interim Register of Non-CCM carrier and bunker vessels, as agreed at WCPFC9 (CMM 2009-01, para 39)

July 1:

- WCPFC9 agreed Annual Report Part 2, covering 2012 activities to be completed by CCMs using online reporting interface. A CCM-specific password and login is required (see Circular 2013-12 *Announcing Launch of Annual Report Part 2*).
- Fished and did not Fished reports for 2012: to be completed using the special template provided by the Secretariat to each CCM. (CMM 2009-01, para 9.). Queries on this or other RFV matters can be sent to contact.RFV@wcpfc.int
- Deadline for CCMs seeking to apply for an exemption for purse seine at sea transshipment (CMM 09-06, para 26)

July 8:

- Annual Report Part 1: to be completed using template provided at <http://www.wcpfc.int/Compliance-Monitoring>
- deadline for CCM submissions of para 3j vessels to the draft WCPFC IUU list (CMM 10-06, Annex A para 6-7)

July 18: deadline for CCM submissions to the draft WCPFC IUU list (CMM 10-06, para 4-5)

July 28:

- deadline for Secretariat to send out dCMR section to each CCM covering 2012 activities (CMM 12-02, para 10)
- deadline for Cooperating Non-Members or other non-CCM States to submit applications for CNM status in 2014 (CMM 11-09)

July 31: Pacific Bluefin reports submissions (CMM 12-06 para 4)

August 6 – 14: SC9, Pohnpei

- CCMs choosing alternative FAD reduction option in CMM 12-01 para 11, to provide report on implementation to SC9 (CMM 12-01, Attachment B)

August 27 – 30: 12-01 Workshop, Tokyo

August 28: deadline for CCMs to submit additional information or responses to the preliminary dCMR prepared by the Secretariat (CMM 12-02, para 11)

September 2 – 6: NC9, Tokyo

September 5: deadline for WCPFC to circulate full draft CMR report to all CCMs (CMM 12-02, para 12)

September 26 – Oct 1: TCC9, Pohnpei

- CCMs choosing alternative FAD reduction option in CMM 12-01 para 11, to provide report on implementation to TCC9 (CMM 12-01, Attachment B)

November 16: deadline for non-PNA coastal CCMs to submit limits for purse seine fisheries in their EEZs (CMM 12-01 para 14)

December 1 – 6: FAC7, WCPFC10, Cairns Australia

- CCMs report on 2013 longline catch of yellowfin tuna, as of October 31 2013 (CMM 12-01 para 28)