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PROVISIONAL OUTCOMES DOCUMENT

**WCPFC15-2018-outcomes
19 December 2018**

Agenda 1.2 – Agenda

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

Agenda 1.3.2 – Hosting arrangements for WCPFC annual sessions hosted by SIDS

2. The Commission agreed that when a SIDS or participating territory makes an offer to host a WCPFC meeting which may need meeting size adjustment, that the offer include information on the available meeting capacity, logistics and infrastructure. The Commission will take this information into account when considering offers to host WCPFC meetings and, where needed, CCMs will endeavour to accommodate such constraints, including by reviewing delegation sizes.

Agenda 2 – Report of the Executive Director

3. The Commission accepted the 2018 Annual Report of the Executive Director (**WCPFC15-2018-04**).

Agenda 3.1 – Status of the Convention

4. The Commission noted the report on the Status of the WCPFC Convention (**WCPFC15-2018-05**).

Agenda 3.2 – Update on Observer Status

5. The Commission noted the updated list of observers to the Commission (**WCPFC15-2018-06**).
6. The Commission agreed to amend Rule 36 of the Commission Rules of Procedure as follows:
“4bis The Commission will automatically revoke the observer participation of:
(a) any observer organisation, State or fishing entity referred to in paragraph 1 (c), (d), or (e);
and/or
(b) a non-governmental organization pursuant to paragraph 4,

unless that observer has participated in at least one (1) session of any of the Commission or its subsidiary bodies in the preceding three (3) years, with the three years being a rolling three-year period. The Executive Director shall notify the relevant organisation, State, fishing entity, or non-governmental organization in writing where this rule has been triggered, and observer status revoked, for that organization.

4ter The automatic revocation of any observer status described in paragraph [4bis] (a) does not preclude that organization, State or fishing entity from reapplying for observer status to the Commission at any time. The automatic revocation of any observer described in paragraph [4bis] (b) does not preclude that non-governmental organization from reapplying for observer status at any time pursuant to paragraph 4.”

Agenda 3.3 – Applications for Cooperating Non-Member status

7. WCPFC15 approved the applications for CNM status for 2019 from Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Nicaragua, Thailand and Vietnam.
8. WCPFC also approved the application for CNM status for 2019 from Panama, subject to Panama:
 - a. Preparing an action plan outlining how it will improve its compliance with WCPFC, including to ensure that relevant data is provided on time and any improvement to its internal procedures necessary to improve its cooperation with WCPFC. This Action Plan should be provided to the Commission by no later than the end of January 2019, and circulated to all CCMs;
 - b. Providing all outstanding data by no later than the end of January 2019 to the Secretariat; and
 - c. Enhancing its engagement with the Secretariat to ensure it can meet relevant reporting requirements.

Agenda 3.3.1 – Participatory Rights of CNMs

9. WCPFC15 agreed to the following limits to be applied to the participatory rights of CNMs (Convention / CMM 2009-11):
 - a. In accordance with the WCPF Convention and its conservation and management measures and resolutions, the following participatory rights apply to Cooperating Non-Members (CNMs) for fisheries in the high seas within the WCPFC 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 WCPFC 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 WCPFC 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 2019

10. **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 2016-01 or its replacement measure.
11. **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 2017-01 or its replacement measure.
12. **Liberia:** The participatory rights of Liberia are limited to reefer vessels to engage in transshipment activities, and bunker and supply vessels to support fishing vessels in the Convention area.
13. **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 2017-01 or its replacement measure.
14. **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.
15. **Thailand:** The participatory rights of Thailand in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.
16. **Vietnam:** The participatory rights of Vietnam in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.

WCPFC/IATTC Overlap Area

17. In accordance with the decision of WCPFC9 regarding the management of the overlap area of 4°S and between 130°W and 150°W, vessels flagged to Ecuador, El Salvador and Mexico will be governed by the IATTC when fishing in the overlap area.
18. 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 its fishing activities for highly migratory species in the overlap area.

19. 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 Item 4.8 – Implementation of CMM 2013-06

20. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to include **WCPFC15-2018-DP12_rev11** providing FFA CCM views on the implementation of CMM 2013-06, on the webpage that will be established for and dedicated to the Implementation of Article 30 of the Convention.

Agenda Item 4.9 – Labour Standards

21. The Commission agreed to adopt Resolution 2018-01 on Labour Standards for Crew on Fishing Vessels (**Attachment E***)

Agenda Item 5 – Special requirements of developing states

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

5.2 Strategic Investment Plan by the FAC Special Requirements Fund Virtual Working Group

22. The Commission approved the 2018 Strategic Investment Plan as a means to target investment to address the priority needs as identified by developing states, including effective participation. (**Attachment F***). The Commission agreed that this Plan would be updated annually by the Secretariat for approval by the Commission and that the Secretariat would report to the Commission on implementation of the Strategic Investment Plan each year.

23. The Commission agreed to make any capacity assistance needs identified in the provisional Compliance Monitoring Report and in Part 2 reports (as may be agreed by TCC each year to be contained in the Executive Summary of the Provisional Compliance Monitoring Report), public domain data that will inform annual updates of the Strategic Investment Plan.

24. The Commission agreed to make the reports against implementation of 2013-07 (or its successor) contained in Part 2 Annual Reports public domain data.

25. The Commission directed the Secretariat to develop a webpage dedicated to the Implementation of Article 30 of the Convention. The Commission considered that the publicly available website would include the following information:

- Current and historical Strategic Investment Plans
- Funding options, eligibility and application processes
- Special Requirements Fund proposals and project completion reports for projects >\$10,000
- 2013-06 template and assessments to date
- Reports by CCMs on implementation of 2013-07

Agenda Item 6.2 – South Pacific albacore

6.2.1 Roadmap for effective conservation and management of South Pacific albacore

26. The Commission agreed to task the SPA-VIWG, chaired by New Zealand, to continue work intersessionally to develop the Roadmap for Effective Conservation and Management of South Pacific Albacore.

6.2.2 Target reference point for South Pacific albacore

27. The Commission agreed on an interim target reference point (TRP) for south Pacific albacore at 56 percent of spawning stock biomass in the absence of fishing ($0.56 SBF=0$)¹ with the objective of achieving an 8 percent increase in catch per unit of effort (CPUE) for the southern longline fishery as compared to 2013 levels.² If a future stock assessment indicates that this interim TRP will not result in the desired longline CPUE, then the interim TRP will be revised in order to meet this objective. The TRP shall be reviewed every 3 years, consistent with the south Pacific albacore assessment schedule.
28. The Commission shall amend or develop appropriate conservation and management measures to implement a harvest control rule, developed in accordance with CMM 2014-06, with the objective of maintaining the south Pacific albacore spawning stock biomass at the target level on average and according to the timeframes specified in paragraph 29.
29. In order to manage the required reduction in catches, the timeline for achieving the interim target reference point shall be no later than 20 years. The Science Service Provider is tasked with identifying a range of alternative catch pathways and timeframes that achieve this, for consideration in 2019.
30. In undertaking the assessment identified in paragraph 29 information from all fisheries will be included while noting that any management measures must take account of the impact of different gear types.
31. The Scientific Committee shall refer to the target reference point in its assessment of the status of the WCPO South Pacific albacore tuna stock and in reporting to the Commission on management advice and implications for this stock.
32. Considering that the distribution of the South Pacific albacore stock goes beyond the WCPFC Convention area and the management of this stock is the responsibility of both WCPFC and IATTC, the Commission requested the Scientific Services Provider to coordinate with the IATTC scientific staff with the view to consider including the entire South Pacific in future assessments.

¹ The method to be used in estimating the recent average spawning biomass in the absence of fishing shall be the same as that adopted by the Commission for the limit reference point, as described in paragraph 3 of CMM 2015-06

² The proxy for CPUE will be the southern longline vulnerable biomass as estimated within the stock assessment.

Agenda Item 6.3 – Bigeye, Skipjack and Yellowfin

6.3.1 Review of CMM 2017-01 (bigeye, skipjack, yellowfin)

33. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2018-01 Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack Tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (**Attachment G***)
34. The Commission adopted the report of the FAD management Options Intercessional Working Group (**WCPFC15-2018-FADMO-IWG**).

Agenda Item 6.4 – Pacific Bluefin

35. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2018-02 Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin tuna, which will replace CMM 2017-08 (**Attachment H***).

Agenda Item 6.6 – North Pacific Striped Marlin

36. The Commission noted that it was unable to agree on the designation of North Pacific striped marlin as a northern stock. The Commission acknowledged that North Pacific striped marlin is experiencing overfishing and is overfished and notes that the ISC work plan for 2018-19 includes completing a benchmark North Pacific striped marlin assessment which will be presented to SC15. The Commission agreed with the concern expressed by SC and NC over the status of North Pacific striped marlin. It accepted the recommendations of SC11, SC12, SC13 and SC14 that the Commission develop a rebuilding plan, and of NC13 and NC14 which “urged the Commission to develop a rebuilding plan for the stock as a matter of priority”. In the absence of any action in response to date, the Commission strongly encouraged those CCMs whose fleets are catching North Pacific striped marlin to submit a draft rebuilding plan to WCPFC16 to provide for the update of CMM 2010-01 Conservation and Management Measure for North Pacific Striped Marlin.

Agenda Item 7.4 – Terms of Reference for a Science-Management Dialogue

37. The Commission agreed to hold a 6-day annual meeting in 2019 with additional time devoted for the Commission to discuss harvest strategies.

Agenda Item 7.5 – Review of Harvest Strategy Work Plan

38. The Commission adopted the Updated Workplan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06 (**WCPFC15-2018-HS_SWGWorkPlan_01**, dated 14 December 2018) (**Attachment I***).

Agenda item 8 – WCPO Shark Stocks and Bycatch Mitigation

8.1 Report of the Shark-IWG, including Proposal for a Comprehensive CMM for Sharks and Rays

39. The Commission tasked TCC15 with considering the outputs of the shark intersessional working group and encouraged interested Members to submit proposals to TCC15.

8.2 Proposal for Best Practice Guidelines for Safe Release of Sharks

40. The Commission adopted the Best Practice Guidelines for Safe Release of Sharks (**Attachment J***).

8.4 Review of CMM 2017-06 on Seabirds

41. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2018-03 Conservation and Management Measure to Mitigate the Impact of Fishing for Highly Migratory Fish Stocks on Seabirds (**Attachment K***).

8.5 Review of CMM 2008-03 on Sea Turtles

42. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2018-04 Conservation and Management Measure for Conservation and Management of Sea Turtles (**Attachment L***), with a date of implementation of 1 January 2020.

Agenda item 9 – Adoption of Reports from Subsidiary Bodies

9.1 SC14

43. The Commission adopted the SC14 Summary Report (**WCPFC15-2018-SC14**).

9.2 NC14

44. The Commission adopted the report of NC14 (**WCPFC15-2018-NC14**).

9.3 TCC14

9.3.1 Regional Observer Programme (ROP)

45. The Commission agreed to adopt the TCC14 recommended amendments to CMM 2007-01, CMM 2018-05, Conservation and Management Measure for the Regional Observer Programme, (**Attachment M***).

46. The Commission agreed to adopt the TCC14 recommended amendments to the ROP minimum standards (**Attachment N***).

47. The Commission agreed that the TCC Observer-related working group would continue to operate electronically in 2019, led by Mr. Tom Graham (United States). The TCC Observer-related working group was tasked to:

- a. Conduct further work, with input from the Secretariat and drawing from experiences using the Compliance Case File System and CCMs' investigations, to determine what additional data fields, if any, should be added to the ROP minimum required data fields to support CCM investigations and more general compliance-related needs, such as flagging possible violations of Commission decisions to trigger CCM investigations or as part of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (also see task (f)).
- b. More fully consider gaps in the capacity of ROP Providers to respond promptly and fully to requests for observer reports, such as in terms of human resources, training, and equipment, and explore ways to fill those gaps, including the possibility of a process through which ROP Providers may seek and receive financial or other support from the Commission to improve their capacity.
- c. Explore ways to support ROP Providers' efforts to improve their debriefing processes such that observer reports can be more fully vetted and provided more quickly, including the possibility of giving higher priority to trips that are flagged through the Pre-Notification Process (also see task (g)).
- d. Explore the potential utility of using the Compliance Case File System to facilitate and track CCM requests for observer reports.
- e. Explore whether pre-notifications can be sent by ROP Providers directly to the Secretariat without first having to be entered in the data service provider's ROP database along with all the minimum required data fields.
- f. In concert with task (a), reconsider the summary data fields to better align with the Commission's priorities in terms of compliance.
- g. In concert with task (c), explore the role debriefing can have in reviewing and filtering Trip Monitoring Summaries to make pre-notifications as efficient and useful as possible.
- h. Explore, as part of the Pre-Notification Process, the possibility of supplementing the WCPFC Observer Trip Monitoring Summary form with more detailed information from the observer (e.g., using "comments" pages) regarding any affirmative indications on the Summary form, such as more detailed information about the activities in question, which could support a CCM's investigations of those activities, and/or references to particular sections/pages of the full observer report that could help narrow a CCM's request for more information from the ROP Provider.
- i. Continue to develop mechanisms related to the provision of observer reports, taking into account the outcomes of the tasks listed above and the possible approaches described in WCPFC-TCC14-2018-14 and WCPFC-TCC14-2018-DP07.

9.3.2 Transshipment

48. The Commission agreed to the TCC14 recommendation that the template provided in TCC14-2018 RP03 Annex 3 be used by all applicable CCMs for their future reporting in Annual Report Part 1, as per CMM 2009-06 paragraph 11 (**Attachment O***).
49. The Commission agreed that TCC's assessment of a CCM under paragraph 13 of CMM 2009-06 will include that CCM's report on observer coverage achieved for their carrier vessels conducting transshipment at sea in their Annual Report Part 2.
50. The Commission agreed to conduct a review of the existing transshipment measure (CMM 2009-06) in 2019, with the review to commence through an electronic intersessional working group, with the group led by two co-chairs, from RMI and the United States.

9.3.3 Commission VMS

51. The Commission agreed to extend the “Manual reporting in the event of ALC malfunction” requirement (Attachment 1 to the VMS SSPs) for a further two years (until 1 March 2021), taking into consideration the need for more timely provision of manual reports through automated online facilities or via electronic reporting where flag CCMs directly upload the required information.

52. The Commission approved the addition to the WCPFC approved ALC/MTU list of the following ALC units:

Model / Approved MTU Type	Manufacturer	Comm System	Service Provider
Skywave IDP-690	ORBCOMM/Skywave	INMARSAT ISATDATA PRO	Skywave
ORBCOMM ST6100	ORBCOMM/Skywave	INMARSAT ISATDATA PRO	Skywave
iTrac101B (iTrac II)	MetOcean Telematics	Iridium SBD	MetOcean Telematics
BB3	SASCO	Iridium (mini LEO)	SASCO
BB5	SASCO	Iridium (mini LEO)	SASCO
RomTrax Wifi	Rom Communications	Iridium SBD	Rom Communications

53. The Commission agreed to amend the WCPFC VMS SSPs, paragraph 7, so that ALC/MTU units can be included on the approved ALC/MTU list based on the Secretariat’s Assessment that any newly nominated ALC/MTU meets the minimum standards and following a specified period after the circulation of this advice to all CCMs. The replacement paragraph for paragraph 7 is provided below:

7. The Secretariat will assess proposals for inclusion of additional ALC/MTU makes and models on this list from both CCMs and equipment manufacturers. The Secretariat shall include the ALC/MTU make or model being proposed on this list, if no CCM objects in writing within 30 days of the Secretariat circulating notice of its intent to all CCMs, and, if in the Secretariat’s assessment, the ALC/MTU make or model meets the minimum standards for the Commission VMS as set out in Annex 1 of CMM 2014-02 (or its successor measure), the WCPFC SSPs, as relevant, by determining that the ALC/MTU make and model has the ability to successfully report to the Commission VMS, and by using the methodology established by the FFA with expenses for type approval processing to be borne by the proposing entity. Where the Secretariat concludes in its assessment that a proposed ALC/MTU make or model does not meet these requirements, or if a CCM objects in writing to the Secretariat’s proposal to approve a new ALC/MTU make or model, the Secretariat within the annual report shall make recommendations regarding the proposed ALC/MTU make or model for the TCC’s consideration and the Commission’s approval. The Secretariat will recommend, as needed, to TCC the removal of units currently on the list of approved ALC/MTU makes and models that it has determined no longer meet the minimum standards set out in Annex 1 of CMM2014-02 (or successor measure), or do not have the ability to successfully report to the Commission VMS. If an ALC/MTU make and model is removed from the list of approved ALC/MTU types, flag CCMs will ensure that their fishing vessels replace non-type approved

ALC/MTUs with approved ALC/MTUs by the next replacement of the ALC/MTU, but no later than three years after the Commission's decision.

54. The Commission approved the updated Standard Operating Procedures for the WCPFC VMS (**Attachment P***).
55. The Commission agreed that CMM 2014-02 paragraph 4 should not be included in the list of obligations for review by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2019.

9.3.3 Expanding the requirement for IMO Numbers

56. The Commission agreed to amend CMM 2017-05 to expand the requirements for IMO numbers, and adopted CMM 2018-06 Conservation and Management Measure for WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorisation to Fish (**Attachment Q***, **WCPFC15-2018-DP05**).

9.3.4 High Seas Boarding and Inspection: Authorities of the Fishing Vessel

57. The Commission agreed that no later than **1 March 2019**, any CCM that has not done so already shall submit to the Executive Director the name(s) and contact information of its Authorities of the Fishing Vessel for the purpose of CMM 2006-08. If a CCM fails to do so by that date, the CCM's primary official point of contact for the Commission shall be considered its Authorities of the Fishing Vessel, and the Executive Director will make that information available to CCMs on the public side of the WCPFC website, on the list of Authorities of the Fishing Vessel.

9.3.5 TCC Workplan 2019 - 2021

58. The Commission adopted the TCC Workplan 2019 – 2021 (**Attachment R***, **WCPFC15-2018-SWG TCC Workplan**).

59. The Commission adopted the report of TCC14 (**WCPFC15-2018-TCC14**).

9.4 ERandEM-IWG3

Update or revision of E-reporting SSPs

60. The Commission agreed with respect to maintaining adopted standards, matters of substance (such as major changes or new proposals) shall be considered in a manner consistent with already established processes for new proposals. The Secretariat shall administer minor changes to the SSPs that reflect decisions of the Commission by circulating a draft to all CCMs advising that the change had been made and would come into effect on a date at least consistent with that in the SSPs. CCMs shall be provided the opportunity to raise concerns and if so, the change becomes a matter of substance and will be handled as such.

Standards for E-reporting of high seas transshipment

61. The Commission adopted the E-Reporting Standards for transshipment declarations and transshipment notices (**WCPFC-2018-ERandEMWG03-03 Attachment 1, Attachment S***).

62. The Commission agreed that where transshipment declarations and transshipment notices are submitted to WCPFC in accordance with the E-Reporting Standards for transshipment declarations and transshipment notices, the following information will not be required:

- a. the observers signature;
- b. a unique document identifier;
- c. for the offloading vessel to supply data on the quantity of product already on board the receiving vessel;
- d. for the receiving vessel to supply data on the fishing gear that the offloading vessel used to take the fish; and
- e. for the receiving vessel to supply data on the quantity of product to be transhipped.

63. The Commission also agreed to

- a. add a footnote to Annex I of CMM 2009-06 that says “CCMs shall submit information required in Annex I or in accordance with E-reporting Standards for transshipment declarations and transshipment notices”; and
- b. add a footnote to Annex III of CMM 2009-06 that says “CCMs shall submit information required in Annex III or in accordance with E-reporting Standards for transshipment declarations and transshipment notices

E-monitoring concept paper

64. The Commission agreed to prioritising E-monitoring in areas where independent data collection and verification is currently low and asked SC15 and TCC15 for advice on priority areas.

65. The Commission supported the continuation of intersessional work, led by the ERandEMWG Chair Ms Kerry Smith (Australia) to further develop a draft conservation and management measure on E-monitoring for consideration by the Commission in 2020. The ERandEMWG Chair was tasked to provide a report on progress to WCPFC16 in 2019.

ERandEMWG3 Report

66. The Commission adopted the ERandEMWG3 Summary Report (**WCPFC15-2018-ERandEMWG3**).

Agenda Item 10 – Compliance Monitoring Scheme

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

67. The Commission adopted the Final Compliance Monitoring Report (**WCPFC15-2018-finalCMR, Attachment T***).

Agenda Item 10.2 – Review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme

10.2.1 Report from the Independent Panel to review the Compliance Monitoring Scheme

68. The Commission noted the Report from the Independent Panel to review the Compliance Monitoring Scheme and agreed that the recommendations therein would serve as a reference for the Commission's consideration of future work to enhance the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (WCPFC15-2018-26).

10.2.2 Report of the CMS-IWG, including Proposal for a CMM for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme

69. The Commission adopted CMM 2018-07 Conservation and Management Measure for Compliance Monitoring Scheme (WCPFC15-2018-CMS IWG_04, Attachment U*).

70. The Commission noted that the measure includes an ambitious workplan for 2019 and that FAC had allocated some budgetary resources to support this work. The Commission welcomed the expressions of interest from some Members to work with other Members during the intersessional period in 2019, to develop draft audit points for the assessment of obligations through the Compliance Monitoring Scheme.

71. The Commission agreed that the list of obligations to be assessed in 2019 through the Compliance Monitoring Scheme should be based on the approved list from 2018 (Attachment V*).

Agenda 11 – Adoption of the 2019 IUU Vessel List

72. The Commission adopted the 2019 WCPFC IUU Vessel List (Attachment W*).

73. The Commission tasked the Executive Director to:

- a. seek the former flag CCM's or non-CCM's cooperation to provide any information on these vessels, including their respective master's names and nationalities;
- b. write to all CCMs to provide information to the Commission if the vessels on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List are located, or if there are any known changes to name, flag or registered owner, including any action that port states have taken such as denial of port entry and services to those vessels or any information from cannery State of any landings made by these vessels;
- c. write a letter to other RFMOs and other relevant bodies conveying this same message for cooperation to locate these vessels; and
- d. promptly reported any information received to CCMs.

Agenda item 12 – Report of FAC12

12.1 Report of FAC12

12.2 Approval of Budget for 2019

74. The Commission adopted the report of the Twelfth Session of the FAC (WCPFC15-2018-FAC12), including the 2019 budget of \$ **8,041,652** and indicative budgets for 2020 and 2021 of \$ **7,966,937** and \$ **8,092,140** respectively (**Attachments X***).
75. The Commission agreed that a new row should be included in Part 2.3 titled “CMS Future Work” with an amount of \$**100,000** in 2019, that is transferred from Sub-Item 2.3 “Information Management System” in 2019. Note 6 should also be shifted to be notation for the “CMS Future Work” budget line.
76. The final adopted 2019 budget and Annexes are provided in (**Attachment Y***).

Agenda item 13 – Administrative matters

13.1 Corporate Plan

77. The Commission directed the Executive Director to progress, intersessionally with interested CCMs, the further development of the draft Medium-Term Corporate Plan (**WCPFC15-2018-29**) to guide the work of the Secretariat and to report back to WCPFC16.

13.2 Kobe Process

78. The Commission noted the update on the Kobe Process (**WCPFC15-2018-30**).
79. The Commission supported continued involvement by the Commission Chair and the Executive Director in meetings of the Kobe Process Steering Committee, and the participation in a 2019 meeting of the joint tuna RFMO FAD Working Group by the WCPFC FAD-IWG Chair and a member of the WCPFC Secretariat.

13.3 Research projects

13.3.1 ABNJ Project

80. The Commission noted the updates on Progress of the Project Sustainable Management of Tuna Fisheries and Biodiversity Conservation in the ABNJ (**WCPFC15-2018-31**).

13.3.2 Pacific Tuna Tagging Project

81. The Commission noted the updates on the Pacific Tuna Tagging Project (**WCPFC15-2018-32**).

13.3.3 WCPFC Tissue Bank – application of Nagoya Protocol

82. The Commission noted the updates on Project 35b: WCPFC Tuna Tissue Bank (WCPFC15-2018-34).

13.3.4 WPEA Project

83. The Commission noted the updates on the WPEA project (WCPFC15-2018-34).

13.4 Election of officers

84. The Commission made a number of appointments to Commission positions commencing in 2019:

- a) Ms. Jung-re Riley Kim (Korea) was appointed as WCPFC Chair, and Dr. Josie Tamate (Niue) as WCPFC Vice-Chair;
- b) Mr. Jonathan Kidu (PNG) was appointed as a new FAC Co-Chair;
- c) Mr. Laurence Edwards (RMI) was appointed as TCC Chair, and Dr. Robert Day (Canada) as TCC Vice-Chair; and
- d) Mr. Masanori Miyahara (Japan) was appointed as NC Chair, and Mr. Michael Tosatto (United States) as NC Vice-Chair.

85. There were no nominations for SC Vice-Chair, so the position will remain vacant during 2019.

86. In support of 2019 Intersessional Working Group activities, to be progressed electronically, the Commission confirmed the following:

- a) Mr. Tom Graham (United States) would continue to lead the TCC Observer-related IWG;
- b) Ms. Sarah Williams (New Zealand) would continue to lead the South Pacific Albacore Roapmap IWG;
- c) Ms. Kerry Smith (Australia) would continue to lead the ERandEMWG; and
- d) Mr. Sam Lanwi (RMI) and Mr. Alex Kohl (United States) would co-chair the Transshipment Review IWG.

13.5 Future meetings

87. In 2019, the Commission agreed that:

- a) **SC15** would be held on Wednesday 7th – Thursday 15th August 2019 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia;
- b) **NC15** would be held on Monday 2nd – Friday 6th September 2019 in Portland, Oregon, USA;

- c) **TCC15** would be held on Wednesday 25th September – Tuesday 1st October 2019 in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia; and
- d) **WCPFC16** would be held on Thursday 5th December – Wednesday 11th December 2019 in Port Moresby, PNG, with FAC13 and the HOD meeting held immediately prior to WCPFC16, on Wednesday, 4th December 2019.

Agenda item 14 – Other matters

88. There were no other matters.

PROVISIONAL LIST OF ATTACHMENTS FOR WCPFC15 DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT
(note order and numbering of attachments will change)

Attachment A	WCPFC15 List of Participants
Attachment B	Opening statement by WCPFC Chair
Attachment C	Opening Statement by WCPFC ED
Attachment D*	WCPFC15 Agenda – as adopted (WCPFC15-2018-01)
Attachment E*	Resolution 2018-01 on Labour Standards for Crew on Fishing Vessels (WCPFC15-2018-LabourSWG-01_rev1)
Attachment F*	Strategic Investment Plan (WCPFC15-2018-FAC_SRFIWG 9 November 2018)
Attachment G*	CMM 2018-01 Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack Tuna in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean
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Attachment L*	CMM 2018-04 Conservation and Management Measure Regarding Conservation and Management of Sea Turtles (CMM 2008-03 with amendments, WCPFC15-2018-DP06_rev3)
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