

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

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Notice for an Electronic Meeting of the Intersessional Working Group to Review the Transhipment Measure (CMM 2009-06) (TS-IWG)

Dear All,

Please find attached, notice of an online meeting of the Transhipment Intersessional Working Group on Wednesday, May 17, 2023.

The Co-Chairs also provide information to assist your meeting preparation including how to access background data analysis through the Online Discussion Forum for those that register for the meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Rhea Moss-Christian **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR** 

Dear TS-IWG Colleagues,

Your Co-Chairs are pleased to announce the availability of the Transshipment Information Analysis (TIA) for TS-IWG review. The review will be conducted via online discussion forum (ODF) and discussed among TS-IWG members during a virtual TS-IWG to be held 17 May, 11-5pm Pohnpei time. When TS-IWG members register for the virtual meeting, they will be granted access to the TIA and are encouraged to share comments via the ODF, similar to how the ODF is used in advance of the regular and subsidiary bodies of the Commission.

The TIA has two components, purse seine and long line analyses. Note both analyses have been reviewed and revised by SPC to ensure they do not contain non-public domain data but at this time they remain as limited in distribution to TS-IWG meeting participants, via the TS-IWG ODF. Please register for the May 17 TS-IWG on the WCPFC Meetings webpage (<u>https://meetings.wcpfc.int/meetings/ts-iwg01</u>) and once your registration has been approved please use the link from this site to access the reports via the ODF.

Our objective in utilizing this format of reviewing and commenting via ODF, and then engaging via virtual TS-IWG, will increase transparency among TS-IWG members while also documenting our discussion for further consideration when we evaluate potential changes to the transshipment measure over the coming months. With this in mind, we would ask members to consider how the information analysis could inform discussion on updates or revisions to CMM 2009-06. In addition, we would encourage ODF discussion on 1) areas that could modernize transshipment oversight in the WCPFC (via technology and data flows), 2) reflecting on the observer provider model, 3) minimum data standards, 4) the required level of harmonization with neighboring RFMO transshipment requirements, and 5) any other specific issues covered by the <u>TS-IWG Terms of Reference</u>.

Your co-chairs will provide initial comments and lean on the ODF to help drive discussion on these and other areas identified by members, as we approach the May 17 TS-IWG.

Sincerely, Felix and Alex Co-Chairs, TS-IWG