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**PROVISIONAL OUTCOMES DOCUMENT**

**WCPFC14-2017-outcomes  
As at 18 December 2017**

**Agenda 1.2 – Agenda**

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

**Agenda 2 – Report of the Executive Director**

2. The Commission accepted the 2017 Annual Report of the Executive Director (**WCPFC14-2017-04**).

**Agenda 3.1 – Status of the Convention**

3. The Commission noted the report on Status of Convention (**WCPFC14-2017-05**).

**Agenda 3.2 – Update on Observer Status**

4. The Commission noted the updated list of observers to the Commission (**WCPFC14-2017-07**).

**Agenda 3.3 – Applications for Cooperating Non-Member status**

5. WCPFC14 approved the applications for CNM status for 2018 from Ecuador, El Salvador, Liberia, Mexico, Panama, Thailand and Vietnam.

**Agenda 3.3.1 – Participatory Rights of CNMs**

6. WCPFC14 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 2018***

7. **Ecuador:** The participatory rights 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.

8. **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 2016-01 or its replacement measure.

9. **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.

10. **Mexico:** It was noted that Mexico had participated in the work of the Northern Committee (NC) at NC 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 and, noting the need for cooperation with the work of the NC particularly in regard to Pacific bluefin tuna, encouraged Mexico to continue to participate in the NC. Mexico does not intend to have a vessel presence in 2018. Any future 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. Their letter notes their commitment to comply with the legal provisions and obligations as a CNM.

11. **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. The SWG also noted that this does not result in any additional participatory rights in 2018 to the participatory rights granted to Panama in 2017.

12. **Thailand:** The participatory rights of Thailand in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.
13. **Vietnam:** The participatory rights of Vietnam in the WCPO are limited to the provision of carrier and bunker vessels only.

#### ***WCPFC/IATTC Overlap Area***

14. 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.
15. 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.
16. 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.

#### ***Implementation of changes to the CNM request template***

17. As agreed at WCPFC13 a column was included in the CNM application template where a CNM applicant could indicate their interest in becoming a member of the Commission.

### **Agenda Item 4.2 – Port based measures / minimum standards (DP02 – EU & DP12\_rev1 – FFA & Japan)**

18. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2017-02 Conservation and Management Measure on minimum standards for Port State Measures (**Attachment E**).

### **Agenda Item 4.3 – Protection of observers (DP03 – Japan & TCC13 outcome)**

19. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2017-03 Conservation and Management Measure for the Protection of WCPFC Regional Observer Programme Observers (**Attachment F**), which will replace CMM 2016-03.

### **Agenda Item 4.4 – Observer conduct (DP08 – FFA Member CCMs & DP19 – Korea & Japan)**

20. WCPFC14 noted that TCC13 formed an intersessional working group to “address the need for CCMs to obtain copies of observer reports for their vessels in a timely manner so that they may fulfil their responsibility to undertake investigations of possible violations. The group will explore ways to facilitate access to observer reports from both ROP Providers and the Secretariat, and will recommend possible improvements to the CMM for the Regional Observer Programme, the Agreed Minimum Standards and

Guidelines of the Regional Observer Programme, and/or other Commission decisions.”  
(TCC13 Summary Report, para 161).

21. WCPFC14 agreed to expand the scope of work of that working group to include the issue of observer conduct, and tasked that working group to provide any recommendations to TCC14. The working group should consider Korea and Japan’s proposal to WCPFC14 on observer conduct (WCPFC14-2017-DP19) and the deliberations of WCPFC14 on that proposal.

#### **Agenda Item 4.5 – RFV CMM 2013-10 amendment (DP10 – FFA Member CCMs)**

22. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2017-05 Conservation and Management Measure for the Record of Fishing Vessels and Authorisation to Fish (**Attachment G**), which will replace CMM 2013-10.

#### **Agenda Item 4.6 – Marine Pollution (DP15 – FFA Member CCMs)**

23. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2017-04 Conservation and Management Measure on Marine Pollution (**Attachment H**), with a date of implementation on 1 January 2019.

#### **Agenda Item 6.4 – SP albacore Target Reference Point**

24. The Commission agreed to prioritise the development and adoption of a Target Reference Point for south Pacific albacore through the following actions:
  - a. All CCMs with an interest in the Southern albacore fishery jointly commit to review available scientific and economic information to inform their position about appropriate goals for the fishery and corresponding candidate target reference points;
  - b. Regardless of the results of the 2018 stock assessment and the management advice from SC14 to WCPFC15, SC14 shall dedicate sufficient time in the Management Issues Theme to develop advice for WCPFC15 on candidate target reference points
  - c. CCMs will work together in advance of WCPFC15 to develop TRP proposals; and
  - d. WCPFC15 shall adopt a Target Reference Point for south Pacific albacore.

#### **Agenda Item 6.7 – Monitoring Strategy and Performance Indicators (all stocks/fisheries)**

25. The Commission noted the SC13 advice that in the short-term it was seen as best practice to support a broad range of performance indicators in support of the multiple management objectives already identified by the Commission. However, SC13 noted

that there will be scope to iteratively refine both the management objectives and related performance indicators and monitoring strategies in light of the outcomes of the current Harvest Strategy Work Plan and the development of the management framework within the WCPFC.

26. The Commission noted the candidate performance indicators and monitoring strategies for South Pacific albacore commensurate with candidate management objectives for the Southern Longline Fishery to be considered in the development of harvest strategies under CMM 2014-06 (**Attachment K**, Table 1).
27. The Commission noted the candidate performance indicators and monitoring strategies for bigeye and yellowfin tuna commensurate with candidate management objectives for the Tropical Longline Fishery to be considered in the development of harvest strategies under CMM 2014-06 (**Attachment K**, Table 2).

### **Agenda Item 6.8 – Harvest Strategy for Pacific bluefin tuna and North Pacific albacore**

28. The Commission adopted the Interim Harvest Strategy for North Pacific albacore (NC13 Summary Report, Attachment H, **Attachment I**), noting that it modifies and replaces the previously adopted precautionary management framework for North Pacific albacore and is to be recognised as a harvest strategy.
29. The Commission adopted the Harvest Strategy for Pacific Bluefin tuna (NC13 Summary Report Attachment F, **Attachment J**).
30. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to develop a dedicated space on the WCPFC website for publishing of harvest strategies, including interim harvest strategies, agreed to by the Commission.

### **Agenda Item 6.9 – Review of Harvest Strategy Work Plan**

31. The Commission adopted the Updated Workplan for the Adoption of Harvest Strategies under CMM 2014-06 (WCPFC14-2017-DP27\_rev1, **Attachment L**). The Secretariat was tasked with including text to document progress achieved in 2017 under the WCPFC14 Harvest Strategies agenda items.
32. The Commission recognized the importance of developing harvest strategies for key stocks in the WCPO. The Commission recognized that this work requires the consideration of fisheries managers and scientists at different stages. The Commission notes that the time required for harvest strategy discussions is substantial but will also vary from year to year and the Commission recognized the need for this to be accommodated.
33. The Commission agreed to reprioritise as needed the annual agenda of the Commission and Scientific Committee to allow sufficient additional time for consideration of harvest strategy issues. In addition, WCPFC recognised that there may also be a need for a dedicated science/management dialogue.

## **Agenda Item 7.2 – Draft Bridging CMM on Tropical Tunas (bigeye, skipjack, yellowfin)**

34. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2017-01 Conservation and Management Measure for Bigeye, Yellowfin and Skipjack tuna (**Attachment M**).
35. Noting that CMM 2017-01 enters into effect on 6 February 2018, the Commission agreed to Resolution 2017-01 Resolution on the Provisional Application of CMM 2017-01 (**Attachment N**) for the period from 1 January to 6 February 2018.
36. The Commission agreed that the FAD Management Options IWG would resume its work in 2018 and hold a meeting immediately following TCC14. The FAD Management IWG will provide advice to WCPFC15 *inter alia* on guidelines for the implementation of non-entangling and/or biodegradable material on FADs; and on whether the number of FADs deployed as set out in CMM 2017-01 paragraph 23 is appropriate.

## **Agenda Item 7.3 – Draft Bridging CMM on SP albacore**

37. The Commission agreed to the formation of a virtual intersessional process to develop a Roadmap to implement the elements needed for the effective conservation and management for south Pacific albacore. The roadmap will take into account the outcome of a revised stock assessment for south Pacific albacore in 2018 and recommend an overall limit for the fishery, how it could be distributed (taking into account the interests of SIDS) and the actions required to achieve biological and economic stability in the fishery. This roadmap will include recommendations for a review of the existing CMM for south Pacific albacore. The terms of reference of this intersessional group will be to consider management issues for south Pacific albacore including:
  - a. The elements necessary for the implementation of Harvest Strategy approach to the management of the stock;
  - b. an allocation process; and
  - c. monitoring and reporting priorities, and addressing of gaps, for all fisheries taking south Pacific albacore within the WCPFC convention area.
38. Also in support of the development of a Roadmap for south Pacific albacore, the Commission also agreed to task:
  - a. SC14 to provide WCPFC15 with advice on technical aspects of the south Pacific albacore harvest strategy including, for example, a consideration of scientific elements of candidate harvest control rules, and potential components of the management procedure (e.g. the use of CPUE (vulnerable biomass) indices to inform on stock status);
  - b. TCC14 to evaluate monitoring and reporting gaps in the south Pacific albacore fishery, as well as SIDS and Territories implementation considerations; and

- c. SC14 and TCC14, based on their evaluations, will provide any appropriate advice or recommendations to WCPFC15 with respect to informing the development of the Roadmap for improving south Pacific albacore management.

39. The Commission accepted New Zealand's offer to lead this intersessional working group, and noted New Zealand's request that all CCMs with an interest in participating in this intersessional working group nominate a point of contact to New Zealand before the conclusion of WCPFC14.

### **Agenda Item 7.5 – CMM 2016-04 on Pacific bluefin tuna**

40. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2017-08 Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Bluefin tuna (**Attachment O**), which will replace CMM 2016-04 and which was prepared to implement the Harvest Strategy for Pacific Bluefin tuna fisheries.

41. The Commission noted the proposed workplan to develop a Catch Documentation Scheme for Pacific Bluefin that is included as an attachment to CMM 2017-08.

### **Agenda Item 7.6.1 – NP Striped Marlin and NP blue shark**

42. The Commission agreed to task SC14 to prioritise determination of whether the NP striped marlin and NP blue shark are northern stocks and as applicable provide updated management advice and recommendations to WCPFC15. To support the SC's consideration of these matters in 2018, the Scientific Services Provider (SPC-OFP) and ISC were requested to provide to SC14 papers that provide available information on the status of these stocks and the catch levels in their associated fisheries.

### **Agenda Item 8. – Bycatch Mitigation**

#### **Agenda Item 8.1 – Comprehensive approach to shark and ray conservation and management**

43. The Commission adopted as Guidelines the Best Handling practices for the safe release of manta and mobulids (as referenced in SC13 draft Summary Report, Attachment H, **Attachment P**).

44. The Commission agreed to task SC14 to develop proposed guidelines for safe release of rays and sharks and taking into account existing standards or guidelines adopted in other fora. The Commission agreed that priority should be given to the development of guidelines for safe release of silky shark and oceanic whitetip sharks.

45. The Commission agreed to form an intersessional working group to develop a draft comprehensive shark CMM for discussion at WCPFC15 (IWG-Sharks). The IWG-Sharks will primarily work virtually and will be formed through the issuance of a Circular from the WCPFC Secretariat inviting all parties to nominate representatives to participate in the activities of the group. The IWG-Sharks will be chaired by Japan. Terms of reference for the IWG-Sharks are attached at **Attachment Q**.

46. WCPFC14 agreed that the first phase of work will begin with the Chair codifying WCPFC's existing shark measures, taking into account comprehensiveness, and distributing this draft to participants by the end of February 2018. The Chair will request that comments on the codified draft, as well as contributions on new elements, from IWG-Sharks participants be received by the end of March 2018. The Chair will then compile these comments on the codified draft and new elements into a revised draft, requesting technical advice as necessary, and circulate it to IWG-Sharks participants on a timeline to be determined by the Chair, giving due consideration to the timelines for SC14 and TCC14.

### **Agenda Item 8.2 – CMM 2015-03 on Seabirds**

47. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2017-06 Conservation and Management Measure for Mitigating Impacts of Fishing on Seabirds (**Attachment R**), which will replace CMM 2015-03.
48. The Commission tasks SC14 and TCC14 to review the available research on hook shielding devices and advise WCPFC15 if they are effective options for seabird bycatch mitigation in WCPFC fisheries and whether to incorporate them in the seabird CMM as an additional mitigation options.

### **Agenda Item 8.3 – CMM 2008-03 on Sea Turtles**

49. The Commission tasks SC14 and TCC14 to evaluate the expected effects of several potential sea turtle management scenarios, including, but not limited to, ones in which vessels in all longline fisheries in the Convention Area are required to: (1) use either large circle hooks or whole finfish for bait; (2) use large circle hooks and whole finfish for bait; or (3) use any other combination of mitigation methods identified by the SC as being potentially effective. The SC may consider a range of specifications for large circle hooks. SC's evaluation should focus on expected effects on sea turtle interactions and mortalities and on target and bycatch species catch rates. TCC's evaluation should focus on implementation and compliance implications, as well as SIDS implementation considerations. Based on the evaluations, SC14 and TCC14 will provide any appropriate advice or recommendations to WCPFC15 with respect to improving CMM 2008-03.
50. WCPFC14 tasks SC14 to consider the recommendations of the recent Joint Analysis of Sea Turtle Mitigation Effectiveness workshops to modify the ROP Minimum Standard Data Fields with respect to improving the collection of data related to sea turtle interactions, taking into account capacity of observers and priority of data collection, and to recommend any modifications for the consideration of the ROP Coordinator, TCC14 and WCPFC15. SC may also consider possible modifications to operational level data requirements.

### **Agenda Item 9.1 – SC13**

51. The Commission accepted the Report of the SC virtual inter-sessional working group on the development of guidelines for the voluntary provision of economic data to the Commission by CCMs (WCPFC Circular 2017/87). The Commission agreed to the list of



principles to inform the development of guidelines for the voluntary provision of economic data to the Commission by CCMs (**Attachment S**).

52. The Commission adopted the SC13 Summary Report (**WCPFC14-2017-SC13**), noting the recommendations with budgetary implications would be considered by FAC.

### **Agenda Item 9.2 – NC13**

53. The Commission adopted the report of NC13 (**WCPFC14-2017-NC13**).

### **Agenda Item 9.3 – TCC13**

#### *WCPFC approved ALC/MTU list and VMS reporting*

54. The Commission approved the addition of the *Triton Advance MTU* and *Skymate I1500 VMS* to the WCPFC approved ALC/MTU list
55. The Commission agreed that CCMs shall ensure that vessels flying their flag do not purchase, install or transfer the following VMS units: *FVT*, *MAR GE*, *MAR GE V2*, and *MAR GE V3* (all Argos units) and that they be removed from the WCPFC approved ALC/MTU list. The Commission further agreed that existing units on vessels shall be allowed to continue to operate for 5 years (until 1 January 2022). CCMs whose vessels use these models shall provide a list of vessels that are using the units to the Secretariat and shall update the list annually.
56. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to coordinate, as necessary, with the VMS service provider to provide additional functionality in its 'Commission VMS-reporting status tool' in a web-based, exportable matrix. The new tool should separately, in addition to the data listed in the current tool, provide authorized flag CCM MCS entities each of their vessel's daily VMS-reporting status (how many position reports are transmitted by each vessel on each date), and determine and display a generic vessel status ('in port' or 'at sea', for example).

#### *Historical Record of Fishing Vessels (RFV) data*

57. The Commission noted the Secretariat's update at TCC13 regarding its work to develop mechanisms to access and analyse historical information from the Record of Fishing Vessels, and that there was limited discussion of these developments during TCC13. The Commission thanked the Secretariat for its update, and agreed that:
- i. historical RFV information should be considered to be part of the Record of Fishing Vessels and, as such, should be considered "public domain information" in accordance with the WCPFC data access rules and procedures. This includes related fields on fishing/non-fishing and interim lists of Non-Member Carrier and Bunker vessels.
  - ii. the Record of Fishing Vessels file in full should be periodically updated by the Secretariat and made available for download from the WCPFC website until an automated extraction functionality is made available;
  - iii. this data as 'historical data' and it should not be subject to any revision by any party, unless associated arrangements for documentation and verification of changes can be agreed.

*ERandEM IWG meeting in 2018*

58. The Commission agreed to hold a meeting of the ERandEM IWG in 2018, immediately prior to SC14.

*E-reporting draft standards for observer data*

59. The Commission adopted the E-reporting standards for observer (**WCPFC14-2017-20\_rev1**), and agreed to include them in the standards, specifications and procedures for Electronic Reporting which presently include E-reporting standards for operational catch and effort data (**Attachment T**).

*High Seas transshipment reporting*

60. The Commission agreed that CCMs are to report observer coverage achieved for their carrier vessels conducting transshipment at sea, in line with the vessel specifications outlined in paragraph 13 of CMM 2009-06, in their Annual Report Part 2.

*High Seas transshipment E-reporting implementation at the Secretariat*

61. The Commission noted the Secretariat paper **WCPFC14-2017-21** that provided a set of draft standards for the E-reporting of high seas transshipment declarations and transshipment notices taking into consideration the requirements of CMM 2009-06 Annex I and Annex III. The Commission agreed that vessels could additionally use the UN/CEFACT's FLUX standard for the e-reporting of high seas transshipment declarations and notices, subject to the information provided complying with the requirements of CMM 2009-06. The Commission endorsed in principle the Secretariat's proposed workplan for 2018 as set out in WCPFC14-2017-21, and noted that FAC11, in addition to supporting the 2018 budget request, had allocated additional funding for the Secretariat to include in its 2018 workplan consideration of the UN/CEFACT's FLUX standard in the implementation of E-reporting of high seas transshipment declarations and transshipment notices.

*High Seas Boarding and Inspection*

62. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to make the list of vessels previously inspected under the HSBI scheme, published online at <https://www.wcpfc.int/ccm/hsbi-report>, exportable in MS Excel and CSV format to authorised CCM users.

*Marking and monitoring of FADs*

63. The Commission noted that TCC13 had supported the recommendation from SC13 (SC13 draft Summary Report, paragraph 118) that recommends as a first step the Commission considers introducing a buoy ID scheme, and that field tests be undertaken to determine the optimal configuration of future developments of a full marking system.

*Collection of additional data on FADs*

64. The Commission noted the need for FAD data to be provided by ROP observers for all vessels involved in FAD activities, including support vessels.

*Funding for the Global Consolidated List of Authorised Fishing Vessels (CLAV)*

65. The Commission noted that the funding for the technical support to the global consolidated list of authorised fishing vessels would end in 2019. The TCC and FAC were tasked at the 2018 meetings to review the utility of the CLAV and provide advice to WCPFC15.

*TCC14 'plastic bottle' free*

66. The Commission agreed to the TCC13 recommendation that TCC14 be 'plastic bottle' free.

*TCC13 Summary report*

67. The Commission adopted the report of TCC13 (**WCPFC14-2017-TCC13**).

## **Agenda Item 10. – Compliance Monitoring Scheme**

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

68. The Commission accepted the Final Compliance Monitoring Report (**WCPFC14-2017-finalCMR, Attachment U**).

### **Agenda Item 10.2 – Update on Independent Review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme**

69. The Commission agreed to establish an Intersessional Working Group on the Review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS IWG). The tasks of the Intersessional Working Group will be to facilitate consideration of the Report from the Independent Review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (due by March 2018) and develop a proposed Conservation and Management Measure for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme for consideration at WCPFC15. The Commission also decided that Republic of Marshall Islands would lead the Intersessional Working Group.

### **Agenda Item 10.3 – Expiry of CMM 2015-07 at the end of 2017**

70. The Commission agreed to adopt CMM 2017-07 Conservation and Management Measure for the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (**Attachment V**), which will be effective for 2018 only.

71. The Commission adopted a revised list of obligations to be assessed by the Compliance Monitoring Scheme in 2018 (**Attachment W**), which will replace the multi-year list of obligations that was adopted at WCPFC13.

72. The Commission noted that in submitting WCPFC14-2017-DP29, FFA member CCMs had provided an initial analysis and reiterated their view expressed during TCC13 that the essential scientific information already provided as operational level catch and effort data submissions earlier in the year must be recognised as meeting obligations to provide a number of required reporting obligations specified to be included in Annual Report Part 1. It was also expressed that rather than have CCMs submit duplicative information there must be improvements made to facilitate access to data that is already made available to the Commission.

73. The Commission agreed to task the Secretariat, in consultation with SPC, to review the Commission's reporting requirements to minimise duplicate reporting by CCMs, with a particular focus on streamlining the provision and accessibility of scientific data to the Commission, as well as to prioritise the enhancement of the Commission's information management system in response to that review, and report back to WCPFC15.
74. The Commission encouraged CCMs to submit their Annual Report Part 1 in a timely manner, and note this is linked to TCC's efforts to minimise verbal reports to the CMR process.

### **Agenda Item 11. – Adoption of the 2018 IUU Vessel List**

75. The Commission adopted the 2018 WCPFC IUU Vessel List (**Attachment X**).
76. The Commission agreed to seek the cooperation of those CCMs or flag States to whom the vessel was flagged at the time the vessel was placed on the WCPFC IUU Vessel List and other CCMs' cooperation to actively find out any information about these vessels and inform the Commission.
77. The Commission requested that CCMs provide prompt advice to the Commission by all CCMs if the vessels have been located or, if there are any known changes to name, flag or registered owner, including any action that the port States have taken such as denial of port entry and services to those vessels or any information from the cannery States of any landings made by these vessels.
78. The Commission tasked the Executive Director to write a letter to other RFMOs and relevant bodies conveying this same message for cooperation to locate these vessels. The Executive Director was asked to include in these letters the Regional Plan of Action for Responsible fishing, including IUU fishing.

### **Agenda Item 12. – Report of the Eleventh Annual Session of the Finance and Administration Committee and Budget approval for 2018 and indicative budgets for 2019 and 2020**

79. The Commission adopted the report of the Eleventh Session of the FAC (**WCPFC14-2017-FAC11**), including the 2018 budget of \$ 8,028,552 and indicative budgets for 2019 and 2020 of \$ 8,215,645 and \$ 8,061,369 respectively (**Attachments Y and Z**).

### **Agenda Item 13.1 – Strategic Plan**

80. The Commission tasked the Secretariat to develop a medium-term corporate plan and report back to WCPFC15.

### **Agenda Item 13.2 – Research projects**

81. The Commission noted the updates on the ABNJ project (**WCPFC14-2017-29**) and WPEA project (**WCPFC14-2017-28**).

### **Agenda Item 13.3 – Election of officers**

82. The Commission made a number of appointments to Commission positions commencing in 2018:

- a. Ueta Fasiili (Samoa) was appointed as SC Chair;
- b. Laurence Edwards (RMI) was appointed as TCC Vice-Chair;
- c. Wataru Tanoe (Japan) was appointed the new FAC Co-Chair on the first day of WCPFC14 to ensure the continuation of the co-chairing arrangement and the efficient progression of FAC work in the margins of the meeting; and
- d. Bradley Philips (FSM) was appointed as FAD Management Options IWG Chair.

83. In support of other 2018 Intersessional Working Group activities, to be progressed electronically, the Commission confirmed the following:

- a. Shingo Ota (Japan) would lead the IWG-Sharks;
- b. Glen Joseph (RMI) would lead the IWG-Compliance Monitoring Scheme Review;
- c. Tom Graham (USA) would lead the TCC-observer report and observer conduct IWG; and
- d. Sarah Williams (New Zealand) would lead the South Pacific Albacore Roadmap virtual IWG.

#### **Agenda Item 13.4 – Future meetings**

84. In 2018, the Commission agreed that:

- a. **ER and EMWG** would be held from Monday 6th to Tuesday 7th August 2018 Busan, Korea
- b. **SC14** would be held from Wednesday 8th to Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 in Busan, Korea;
- c. **NC14** would likely be held in the first week of September in Japan, with the exact dates and venue to be confirmed;
- d. **TCC14** would be held from Wednesday 26th September to Tuesday 2nd October 2018 in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands;
- e. **FAD Mgmt Options IWG** would be held Wednesday 3rd October 2018 in Majuro, Republic of Marshall Islands;
- f. **WCPFC15** would be held from Monday 3 – Friday 7 December in Pohnpei, Federated States of Micronesia; and
- g. **FAC12** would be held immediately prior to WCPFC15.

85. The Commission agreed that \$28,000 is to be transferred out of working capital fund to cover the additional costs of the 2018 agreed future meetings.

**Agenda Item 14. – Other Matters**

86. There were no other matters.

**DRAFT LIST OF ATTACHMENTS FOR WCPFC14 DRAFT SUMMARY REPORT**  
(note order and numbering of attachments will change)

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