



A Checklist for Sustainable Fisheries Management at WCPFC's 2018 Meeting

Key actions needed for science-based management in the western and central Pacific



When the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) meets 10-14 December in Honolulu, member nations must fulfill the Commission's responsibility to conserve the tunas, sharks, and other highly migratory species of the Pacific Ocean.

To do so, WCPFC must act on these recommendations:

- Take steps** to further develop harvest strategies for tunas.
 - Agree on a precautionary target reference point for South Pacific albacore.
 - Specify that the acceptable level of risk of breaching the limit reference point for bigeye and yellowfin should not exceed 5 percent.
 - Create a harvest strategy development working group empowered to make recommendations to the Commission.
- Reduce** the limit on the number of fish aggregating devices (FADs) that vessels can have in the water at one time.
- Adopt** guidelines on non-entangling FAD designs and require that they be followed.
- Adopt** requirements for biodegradable FADs.
- Task** the FAD Working Group with recommending strategies for better control and retrieval of FADs to be reviewed by the Commission at the 2019 annual meeting.
- Agree** to tropical tuna measure provisions that maintain bigeye at a level that will achieve long-term sustainability and minimize the probability that the stock will fall below the limit reference point.
- Adopt** a compliance monitoring scheme that provides an effective and transparent assessment of how well Commission members are meeting WCPFC obligations.
- Establish** an intersessional working group to guide a review of the existing transshipment measure (CMM 2009-06).
- Commit** to requiring 100 percent observer coverage on longline vessels and adopting electronic monitoring standards.
- Extend** the current International Maritime Organization (IMO) number requirement to include motorized inboard fishing vessels of less than 100 gross tonnes down to those 12 meters in length overall that are authorized to fish in the Convention area beyond national jurisdiction, in line with the recommendation by the 14th regular session of the Technical and Compliance Committee.
- Define** the funding mechanism to support small island developing States and participating territories in applying CMM 2017-02 on minimum standards for Port State Measures while ensuring that capacity assistance is streamlined with other regional and global initiatives.

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