

Wellington, 18 April 2018

**To:** Members of the Commission

Dear Members,

**Re:** Performance Review Panel – second round of voting for tied candidates

The Secretariat has received the votes from seven Members for the Review Panel by the deadline of 15 April 2018 with the result that Prof Stuart Kaye (Australia) has been appointed as panel member under the category of national expert, and Dr Keith Sainsbury (New Zealand) as panel member under the category of external expert.

With regard to the other two panel members, there has been a tie in each of the two categories between the following candidates:

List 1. Dr Patricio Bernal and Ms Penelope Riding as national experts

List 2. Ms Fuensanta Candela, Ms Alexa Cole and Ms Lyn Goldsworthy as external experts

Decision 6-2018, paragraph 8 stipulates that “*in case of a tie between two or more candidates from the same list, a vote will be immediately re-run for those candidates. SPRFMO Members shall reply to the communication from the Chairperson with the list of tied candidates within 15 days indicating their vote for one person from the list/s.*”

You are now requested to cast two votes, one for a candidate from List 1, and the other for an external expert from List 2. You may wish to consider paragraph 5 of Decision 6-2018: “*The Review Panel membership should aim to reflect the SPRFMO Membership in terms of regional balance, fishing and non-fishing nations and developing and developed countries.*”

We will take into account any votes received 15 days from today, i.e. **by Thursday, 3 May 2018**, in accordance with Decision 06-2018.

Thank you very much for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Dr Johanne Fischer  
Executive Secretary

**Copied to:** CNCPs and Observers