
9th MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Held virtually, 27 September to 2 October 2021

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Provisional Annotated Scientific Committee Agenda

Secretariat

1) OPENING OF THE MEETING

a. Adoption of Agenda

At the beginning of the meeting the SC shall adopt its agenda. The Commission's Rule of Procedure 4.3 provides for the possibility of additional items of an urgent character being included on the agenda. Supporting papers may accompany any request for additional items of an urgent character. Such additional items shall be included on the agenda subject to the approval of the SC.

b. Meeting Documents

The Scientific Committee will decide whether to accept any Late Papers and will approve the final Document list as per Rule of Procedure 4.4.

c. Nomination of Rapporteurs

Rapporteurs will be appointed. Participants are reminded that all submitted papers should include a summary paragraph intended to streamline the drafting of the Final Scientific Committee report.

d. Meeting programme and timetable

Meeting documentation location and access will be presented. Any adjustments to the schedule will be announced.

2) ANNUAL REPORTS DISCUSSION

It is assumed that all annual reports will have been read prior and discussed electronically prior to the meeting. Due to the truncated nature of this meeting it is not intended that there will be discussion of this item.

3) COMMISSION GUIDANCE AND INTER-SESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

a) SC multi-annual workplan

The current SC multi-annual workplan will be reviewed and discussed, both to guide this meeting and to provide an update to the Commission.

b) Review of intersessional SC meetings

Work done before the formal opening of the Annual Meeting will be reviewed.

c) Secretariat SC-related activities

The Secretariat will table a report on projects and activities related to SC work including progress on the Observer Programme Accreditation.



4) JACK MACKEREL

- a) Review of inter-sessional activities

Participants will be invited to table the results of any inter-sessional Jack mackerel assessments or research, including regarding connectivity, stock structure, and the possible impact of national measures on the T. murphyi fishery.

- b) Management Strategy Evaluation update

The SC will discuss progress on the development of a Management Strategy Evaluation for Jack mackerel.

- c) Assessment data review and evaluation

The SC will review available input data for the JM assessment.

- d) SPRFMO Jack mackerel assessment

The SC will specify and conduct a re-run of the 2020 stock assessment in order to prepare the 2021 advice to the Commission according to the standing Commission request (“adjusted Annex K”).

- e) Advice to the Commission on Jack mackerel

The SC will prepare the 2021 advice to the Commission including updates to the workplan.

5) DEEPWATER

- a) Review of inter-sessional activities

Participants will be invited to table the results of any inter-sessional Deepwater assessments or research that are required for the SC workplan, including Orange roughy stock assessment data.

- b) VME Encounters and benthic bycatch

The workplan includes a number of pieces of work on VME encounters and benthic bycatch, including appropriate move-on distances for potential VME encounters, identification of VME taxa and thresholds.

- c) CMM 03 request regarding encounters with VMEs

Paragraph 32 of CMM 03 requests the Scientific Committee to review all reported VME encounters, and the Scientific Committee will also discuss an appropriate process for these reviews.

- d) CMM 03 request regarding ongoing appropriateness

The SC is asked to review available data and provide advice on the ongoing appropriateness of the management measures.

- e) Bottom Fishery Impact Assessment Review

The SC will review an addendum to the 2020 Bottom Fishery Impact Assessment and discuss protection level options for VME indicator taxa at ecologically meaningful spatial scales.

- f) CMM 03 request regarding species of concern

The SC workplan asks for the development of a framework for providing precautionary advice on captures of marine mammals, seabirds, reptiles and other species of concern so that it can provide the advice requested in Paragraph 20 of CMM 03.

- g) Advice to the Commission on Deepwater

The SC will prepare the 2021 advice to the Commission on deepwater issues including updates to the Deepwater working group workplan.



6) SQUID

- a) Review of intersessional activities

Participants will be invited to table the results of any inter-sessional Squid work that is required for the SC workplan.

- b) Genetics and connectivity

The SC will discuss initiatives to standardize the collection of genetic analysis so that sequencing data can be shared, including the development of a genetics sample exchange programme.

- c) CMM development

The SC will discuss the results of discussions from the Squid Working Group on potential assessment techniques and appropriate measures of fishing effort.

- d) Advice to the Commission on Squid

The SC will prepare the 2021 advice to the Commission on Squid including updates to the Squid working group workplan.

7) HABITAT MONITORING

- a) Review of inter-sessional activities

The Habitat Monitoring working group Chairperson will briefly summarise the results of inter-sessional Habitat Monitoring activities as required for the SC workplan.

- b) Symposium update

The Habitat Monitoring Symposium steering group will report on latest updates in planning for this event.

- c) Advice to the Commission on Habitat Monitoring topics

The SC will prepare the 2021 advice to the Commission on Habitat Monitoring topics including updates to the Habitat Monitoring working group workplan.

8) EXPLORATORY FISHERIES

- a) New Zealand Exploratory Toothfish Fisheries Operation Plan

New Zealand will present a Fisheries Operation Plan for an exploratory bottom longlining fishery for toothfish (2022-2024) and the SC will develop advice for the Commission including advice pertaining to the 8 matters outlined in paragraph 10 of CMM 13-2021 (Exploratory fisheries).

- c) Exploratory Fishery updates (Chile, Cook Islands, EU, NZ)

Chile, Cook Islands, EU, NZ will present summaries of the fishing which has occurred so far and the current status of their exploratory programmes under CMMs 14d, 14b, 14e and 14a respectively.

- d) Fisheries Operation Plan templates

Paragraph 212 of the SC8 Report requested the development of a template for Fisheries Operation Plans, and the SC will discuss and further develop this template.



9) OTHER MATTERS

a) Appointment of Officers

The SC Chairperson, Dr Jim Ianelli, and the Vice-Chairperson Mr Niels Hintzen were re-confirmed during SC8. The SC will choose new office bearers and/or re-elect current office bearers as necessary. Working Group officers will be confirmed, as necessary.

b) Level and use of the Commission's Scientific Support budget

The SC will consider the Secretariat paper and make recommendations regarding the use of these funds.

c) Planned Intersessional activities

The SC will identify any planned intersessional activities including workshops and whether Secretariat support will be required.

d) Next meeting venue and timing

The SC will confirm the venue and timing for the next SC meeting as well as indicative hosts for the subsequent two SC meetings.

e) Chile's proposal for a SPRFMO Marine Protected Area

The SC will consider a scientific report from Chile regarding the conservation of the resources and ecosystems in the area of the Nazca and Salas-y-Gomez Ridges.

f) Other business

The SC will consider other business, including Observer papers not considered under agenda items above.

10) REPORT ADOPTION AND MEETING CLOSURE

The draft meeting report will be prepared during the meeting by the Chairperson, assisted by the Secretariat and rapporteurs, and the recommendations will be presented to the SC on the last day of the meeting for its consideration. Due to the difficulties of a remote meeting, please note that additional time may be required for report adoption.