

South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

1st Meeting of the Scientific Committee

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Draft Protocol for submission of meeting papers

Secretariat

At its first meeting, the Commission adopted a roadmap for the Scientific Committee, which, inter alia, also endorsed a recommendation of the Science Working Group to:

c) elaborate a protocol for delivering information and documents to the Scientific Committee, considering a minimum of 30 days for the submission of that information and documents in order to allow the Committee a time for review.

The Secretariat has prepared the following draft protocol for discussion by the Scientific Committee.

Draft Protocol for timing for papers to be submitted to the Scientific Committee.

1. The Commission Rules of Procedure 4.1 and 4.2 provide for the Provisional Agenda and requested supplementary items to be circulated 30 days before the meeting. Consistent with this rule, papers pertaining to any item on the Provisional Agenda or supplementary items are to be provided by Commission Members and Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties to the Executive Secretary in electronic form at least 30 days before the meeting. These papers will be included in the draft Document List as meeting Papers.
2. Papers that are pertinent to the Provisional Agenda or supplementary items that are submitted later than 30 days before the meeting will be included as Late Papers in the draft Document List. These papers may be considered in the discussion of the relevant agenda item with the agreement of the Scientific Committee.
3. 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. The Scientific Committee will consider any such request in accordance with Rule 4.3.
4. Commission members, Cooperating Non-Contracting Parties and Observers may submit Information Papers to the Executive Secretary. Information Papers that are submitted at least 30 days before the meeting will be included in the draft Document List. Any

information papers submitted later than 30 days before the meeting will be included as Late Information Papers in the draft Document list.

5. The Scientific Committee will decide whether or not to accept the late papers, and will approve the final Document list.