

**First International Meeting on the Establishment of the  
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation**

**Wellington, New Zealand**

**14 – 17 February 2006**

**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

**1 Opening ceremony**

*The meeting will begin with a powhiri, or formal Maori welcome, on Tuesday 14 February 2006. Following the powhiri, the meeting will be officially opened by New Zealand.*

**2 Election of Officers**

*Participants will elect a Chair for the consultations on the establishment of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (RFMO).*

**3 Chair's statement**

*The Chair will present his/her opening statement.*

**4 Adoption of agenda**

*Participants will consider the provisional agenda for the meeting and make any proposals for amendments. Participants will adopt the agenda.*

**5 Rules of procedure**

*A paper will be presented outlining the proposed rules of procedure for the process.*

**6 Admission of observers**

*The Chair will welcome the organisations present at the meeting in an observer capacity and outline the nature of observer participation.*

**7 Programme of work**

*The Chair will outline the programme of work for the meeting and address any procedural matters relating to organisation of the meeting.*

**8 Opening statements**

*Participants and observers will be invited to present opening statements. It is requested that opening statements by participants be limited to five (5) minutes. A specific amount of time will be set aside for opening statements by observers.*

**9 Discussion on elements of the RFMO**

*An Information Paper (SP/01/Inf3) will be presented outlining the context for the South Pacific RFMO initiative, the characteristics of the fisheries and ecosystems in the region and the possible scope of the RFMO.*

*The Chair of the interim science working group will report on progress made by the group to date.*

*A paper (SP/01/WP1) will be presented outlining the possible legal framework of the regime establishing the RFMO, to be considered by Participants.*

## **10 Interim arrangements**

*A paper (SP/01/Inf5) will be presented outlining possible interim arrangements. Participants may wish to consider interim arrangements that could be implemented in advance of the establishment of the RFMO.*

## **11 Arrangements for interim secretariat**

*Participants may wish to consider options on arrangements for an interim secretariat.*

## **12 Date and place of next international meeting**

*The date and location of the next meeting on the establishment of the South Pacific RFMO will be agreed by participants.*

## **13 Preparation for next meeting**

*The Chair will summarise progress made at the meeting.*

## **14 Any other business**

## **15 Adoption of report**

*Participants will consider and adopt the report of the meeting.*

## **16 Closing of meeting**

*The meeting is scheduled to close at 5pm on Friday 17 February 2006.*