

CTC 4-Report – ANNEX 6

Terms of Reference for the intersessional work of the Observer Programme Working Group

In order to continue development of the SPRFMO Observer Programme and fulfil the provisions of Article 28 of the Convention, the Observer Programme Working Group (OPWG) will discuss intersessionally and seek to propose, subject to the review and recommendations of the Scientific Committee and the Compliance and Technical Committee, to the 6th Commission Meeting a text that could serve as a basis for a conservation and management measure for the SPRFMO Observer Programme.

The OPWG is to be chaired by Mr. Michael Tosatto (United States of America). The OPWG will conduct its work electronically using the secure section of the SPRFMO website.

The OPWG Terms of Reference are amended to reflect that the OPWG shall conduct its work according to the following timeline during 2017:

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| April 28: | The OPWG Chair circulates a first draft for the SPRFMO Observer Programme (2017 draft 1). |
| May 26: | OPWG representatives provide comments on 2017 draft 1. |
| July 14: | The OPWG Chair circulates a second draft (2017 draft 2). |
| August 18: | OPWG representatives provide comments on 2017 draft 2. |
| August 20: | The OPWG Chair submits draft 2 to the 2017 Meeting of the Scientific Committee together with the comments received from the OPWG. |
| October 27: | The OPWG Chair circulates a final draft of the text. The OPWG shall submit the final text to the 2018 Meeting of the Compliance and Technical Committee, or decide whether to report back regarding the progress of its work. Any proposal for consideration at the annual meeting would need to be submitted by a Member. |