

Decision 1.01

Appointment of officers for subsidiary bodies in the first year of the Commission

The Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation:

Noting that a number of states that signed the Convention or participated in the work of the Preparatory Conference have not yet undertaken or completed their domestic procedures for ratification, acceptance, accession or approval but expect to do so within the next year;

Concerned that the potential office holders of the subsidiary bodies of the Organisation should not be unduly constrained in the first year of operation of the Commission;

Decides under article 9(6) of the Convention i) that, notwithstanding Rule 5.1 of the Rules of Procedure, for the first appointments to the subsidiary bodies of the Organisation covering the period until the second annual meeting of the Commission, representatives of signatory states and states that participated in the work of the Preparatory Conference may be appointed as Acting Chairpersons or Acting Vice-Chairpersons of any such subsidiary bodies; ii) any such persons appointed in an acting capacity shall automatically be designated Chairperson or Vice-Chairperson as appropriate upon the entry into force of the Convention for the state of which she or he is a national; iii) the period during which any such person holds office in an acting capacity shall be counted towards the length of term of appointment as specified in Rule 5.1 of the Rules of Procedure.