



South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

2nd Meeting of the Commission Manta, Ecuador: 27 - 31 January 2014

Report of the 1st Eastern Sub-Regional Management Committee (ESRC) Meeting

1. Opening

The participants were welcomed to the meeting by Guillermo Moran, Chairperson of the Committee. The Executive Secretary reported on the membership of the Committee which currently is:

Members of the Commission situated adjacent to the area: Chile

Members of the Commission that are currently fishing or have fished in the area during the last two years: China, European Union, Korea, Chinese Taipei and Vanuatu.

2. Administrative Arrangements

2.1 Adoption of the Agenda

The Provisional Agenda ESRC-01-01 was adopted as the meeting's Agenda and is attached as Annex 1.

2.2 Meeting Documents

The Executive Secretary reviewed the Meeting Documents listed in ESRC-01-INF-01.

The Committee met twice to discuss issues relating to the management of Chilean jack mackerel. An informal Working Group was established to work through details of allocation.

3. Conservation and Management in respect of Chilean Jack Mackerel

3.1 Jack Mackerel Rebuilding plan

The European Union presented paper ESRC-01-02, which contains a proposed plan to rebuild the Jack mackerel stock.

The delegations agreed on the urgent need to seek the recovery of the jack mackerel population to sustainable levels, but some delegations noted that the appropriate forum for analysis would be the Scientific Committee.

The European Union delegation stated that it is for the administrators to establish objectives and approve plans, which should be based on the advice of the Scientific Committee. The European Union delegation noted that it would seek to meet other delegations to harmonize criteria to improve the proposal, so as to be presented to the Meeting for consideration. The final text will be prepared after discussions are completed.

3.2 Jack Mackerel Conservation and Management Measure

The Committee reviewed the proposed CMM-02-01 on jack mackerel, drafted and circulated by the Chairman of the SPRFMO in his letter of December 23 of 2013. The proposal was subject to small modifications regarding paragraphs 7 and 9, which relate to the submission of reports and transfer of allocations, and the restoration of paragraph 5 of CMM 1.01.

4. Participation in the fishery for Chilean Jack Mackerel

The meeting agreed to establish an *ad hoc* working group to review and advise on distribution of the 2014 catch quota. Gerard Van Bohemen, Head of the New Zealand delegation, was appointed as coordinator. It was agreed that the *ad hoc* working group would report its conclusions directly to the Commission.

5. Other Matters

No additional matters were presented.

6. Adoption of Report

The report was adopted at 1625 on 30 of January 2014.

7. Meeting Closure

The Chair of the ESRC closed the meeting after the adoption of the report.

Annex 1

Eastern Sub-Regional Management Committee Agenda

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