
8th MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

New Zealand, 3 to 8 October 2020

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Provisional Annotated Scientific Committee Agenda

Secretariat

1) OPENING OF THE MEETING

a. Adoption of agenda

At the beginning of the meeting the SC shall adopt its agenda. 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. Such additional items shall be included on the agenda subject to the approval of the SC.

b. Meeting documents

The Scientific Committee will decide whether to accept any Late Papers and will approve the final Document list as per Rule of Procedure 4.4.

c. Nomination of rapporteurs

Rapporteurs will be appointed. Participants are reminded that all submitted papers should include a summary paragraph intended to streamline the drafting of the Final Scientific Committee report.

d. Meeting programme and schedule

Meeting documentation location and access will be presented. Any adjustments to the schedule will be announced.

2) ANNUAL REPORTS DISCUSSION

It is assumed that all annual reports will have been read prior and discussed electronically prior to the meeting. Due to the truncated nature of this meeting it is not intended that there will be discussion of this item.

3) COMMISSION GUIDANCE AND INTER-SESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

a) SC multi-annual workplan

The current SC multi-annual workplan will be reviewed and discussed, both to guide this meeting and to provide an update to the Commission, including taking into account the prioritisation made at the intersessional web planning meetings.

b) Review of intersessional work to highlight "reduced" workplan

Work done before the formal opening of the SC will be reviewed.

c) Secretariat SC-related activities

The Secretariat will table a report on projects and activities related to SC work including progress on the Observer Programme Accreditation.



4) DEEPWATER

- a) Review of inter-sessional activities

Participants will be invited to table the results of any inter-sessional Deepwater assessments or research that are required for the “reduced” SC workplan.

- b) SPRFMO Orange roughy assessment data review and evaluation (NW Challenger and Lord Howe Rise)

For Orange roughy, the SC will explore alternative stock assessment models, estimate stock status and provide advice on sustainable catch levels. In 2020, this should include a stock assessment for the NW Challenger stock and an update of catches for Lord Howe Rise.

- c) VME encounters and spatial management

In the 2020 workplan, the SC was asked to finalise the list of VME taxa and design approach for benthic bycatch review and review VME catch and other benthic sampling data, and to update and reassess the VME and habitat suitability modelling. There is also a Commission request from CMM 03-2020 to review all reported VME encounters.

- d) Bottom Fishery Impact Assessment

The SC will review an updated jointly presented BFIA from New Zealand and Australia. This will include information relevant to the CMM 03 advice to the Commission on interactions with marine mammals, seabirds, reptiles and other species of concern.

- e) CMM 03 request regarding ongoing appropriateness

The SC is asked to review available data and provide advice on the ongoing appropriateness of the management measures.

- f) Advice to the Commission on Deepwater

The SC will prepare the 2020 advice to the Commission on deepwater issues including updates to the Deepwater working group workplan.

5) JACK MACKEREL

- a) Intersessional activities including fishery conditions, connectivity, stock structure and growth

Participants will be invited to table the results of any inter-sessional Jack mackerel assessments or research that are required for the “reduced” SC workplan, including regarding connectivity, stock structure, and the possible impact of national measures on the T. murphyi fishery.

- a) Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)

The SC will discuss progress on the development of a Management Strategy Evaluation for Jack mackerel.

- b) Assessment data review and evaluation

The SC will review available input data for the JM assessment and note the potential impact of any revisions in age determinations on age-length keys.

- c) SPRFMO Jack mackerel assessment

The SC will specify and conduct a re-run of the 2019 stock assessment in order to prepare the 2020 advice to the Commission according to the standing Commission request (“adjusted Annex K”).

- d) Advice to the Commission on Jack mackerel

The SC will prepare the 2020 advice to the Commission including updates to the workplan.



6) SQUID

- a) Review of intersessional activities

Participants will be invited to table the results of any inter-sessional Squid work that is required for the “reduced” SC workplan.

- b) Genetics overview

The SC will discuss initiatives to standardize the collection of genetic analysis so that sequencing data can be shared.

- c) Assessment data review and template development

The SC will discuss data needs including historical data and finalise data templates to support stock assessment and to monitor the fishery.

- d) Advice to the Commission on Squid

The SC will prepare the 2020 advice to the Commission on Squid including updates to the Squid working group workplan.

7) HABITAT MONITORING

- a) Report to the SC on inter-sessional activities

The Habitat Monitoring working group Chairperson will present will briefly summarise the results of inter-sessional Habitat Monitoring work as required for the “reduced” SC workplan.

- b) Inventories of environmental data, technologies, research programmes

The Habitat Monitoring working group Chairperson will present results of work items from the Work Plan relating to the development of inventories of environmental data, technologies and research programmes relating to SPRFMO Habitat Monitoring research.

8) EXPLORATORY FISHERIES

- a) Cook Islands Exploratory Potting Fisheries Operation Plan

The Cook Islands will present a new Fisheries Operation Plan and the SC will develop advice for the Commission including advice pertaining to the 8 matters outlined in paragraph 8 of CMM 13-2020 (Exploratory fisheries) and regarding the level of TAC for the fishing year July 1st 2021 to 30th June 2022 and whether the exploratory fishing programme may continue for its third year.

- b) Exploratory Toothfish Fishery updates (3)

New Zealand, the EU and Chile will present summaries of the fishing which has occurred so far and the current status of their exploratory programmes under CMMs 14a, 14c and 14d respectively.



9) OTHER MATTERS

a) Reappointment of Officers

The current two year terms of the Chairperson, Dr Jim Ianelli, and the Vice-Chairperson Mr Niels Hintzen were re-confirmed for their 3rd term during SC6 (September 2018). The SC has the option to choose new office bearers and/or re-elect current office bearers. Working Groups officers will be confirmed, as necessary.

b) Level and use of the Commissions scientific support budget item

The SC will consider the Secretariat paper and make recommendations regarding the use of these funds.

c) Planned Intersessional activities

The SC will identify any planned intersessional activities including workshops and whether Secretariat support will be required.

d) Next meeting venue and timing

The SC will confirm the venue and timing for the next SC meeting as well as indicative hosts for the subsequent two SC meetings.

10) REPORT ADOPTION AND MEETING CLOSURE

The draft meeting report will be prepared during the meeting by the Chairperson, assisted by the Secretariat and rapporteurs, and the recommendations will be presented to the SC on the last day of the meeting for its consideration. Due to the difficulties of a remote meeting, please note that additional time may be required for report adoption.