**Summary of TS-IWG Potential Revisions and Recommendations:**

**CMM 2009-06 on Transshipment**

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| Proposed Path Forward | Potential Text | TS-IWG Comments/Discussion |
|  | New text & Existing text | *Source*  Key transshipment issues |
| New Paragraph 16 in  CMM 2009-06  [Need to also Update Secretariat Workplan?] | 1. In assisting members in verifying transhipment events and completeness of Secretariat VMS data, the Secretariat working with relevant CCMs shall on regular basis provide reported information including (but not limited to) VMS analysis to validate high seas transhipment reporting by vessels. This work will begin immediately and must be fully implemented by January 1, 2025 and key findings summarized by the Secretariat in its annual transhipment report to the Commission. | *Recommendation from WCPFC-TS-IWG01-2023-TIA\_LL, section 2.2.*  Secretariat-managed automated VMS detection of vessel encounters to:  a) validate transshipment notifications and declarations, and  b) identify potential unreported transshipment events. |
| New Paragraph on carrier logs in General Provisions 12  and a  New Section on Carrier Vessels  in CMM 2009-06 | 11. Each fish carrier vessel carrying fish caught in the WCPFC Area or intending to transship in the WCPFC Area shall complete a daily activity log in accordance with paragraphs 39 – 41. The CCM responsible for reporting by the carrier vessel is responsible for transmitting a carrier vessels daily activity report at least every 24 hours via electronic reporting to the Commission Secretariat.  **SECTION 3 – CARRIER VESSELS DAILY ACTIVITY LOG**   1. Only fish carrier vessels identified on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels (RFV) as authorized to tranship at-sea, may tranship fish caught in the WCPFC Area or tranship in the WCPFC Area, regardless of where the at-sea transhipment activity occurs. 2. Whereas each WCPFC authorized carrier vessel is recognized as “fishing” and operating as a “fishing vessel” under Convention Articles 1(d)(v) and 1(e), each carrier vessel shall complete a daily activity log in accord with the Conservation and Management Measure on Daily Catch and Effort Reporting. Reporting under this provision does not apply to vessels not carrying or intending to transship fish caught in the WCPFC Area. 3. In addition to any transhipment and carrier-related reporting requirements identified in the Conservation and Management Measure on Daily Catch and Effort Reporting, the minimum required fields for carrier daily activity report are:    1. The name of the carrier vessel and its WIN    2. Date and time of transmission of the daily activity report, in Universal Time Coordinates (UTC)    3. Location of the carrier vessel in decimal Latitude and Longitude to the nearest 0.1 degrees and accompanied by a description of the location, such as high seas, outside the convention area or within a named EEZ.    4. Transhipment activity within the last 24 hours (“yes” or “no”)    5. Intended next port of call and expected arrival date. 4. The CCM responsible for reporting for a fish carrier vessel carrying fish caught in the WCPFC Area, intending to receive fish caught in the WCPFC Area and/or intending to transship in the WCPFC Area shall provide the Commission Secretariat with a daily activity report for each carrier vessel, with the data in paragraph 41, at least every 24 hours via electronic reporting. | *Recommendation from WCPFC-TS-IWG01-2023-TIA\_LL, section 2.2*  CCM reporting requirement of a carrier daily activity log to be reported electronically. |
| Revise  Paragraph 35  CMM 2009-06 | ~~35~~. 33. Where transhipment does occur on the high seas:  a. the CCMs responsible for reporting against both the offloading and receiving vessels shall, as appropriate:  i. advise the Commission of its procedures for monitoring and verification of the transhipments;  ii. indicate vessels to which the determinations apply.  iii. electronically notify the information in Annex III to the ~~Executive Director~~ Commission Secretariat at least 36 hours prior to each transhipment.  iv. electronically provide the ~~Executive Director~~ Commission Secretariat with ~~a~~ WCPFC Transhipment Declaration information in Annex I within 15 days of completion of each transhipment; and  v. Submit to the Commission a plan detailing what steps it is taking to encourage transhipment to occur in port in the future. | *Co-Chairs recommendation based on and WCPFC-TS-IWG01-2023-TIA\_update*  Require electronic reporting of transshipment declarations, reduce timelines for submission, and require key data such as time and position of transhipment, catch and species related information, and intended destination/port of unloading. |
| Revise Paragraph 19 in  CMM 2009-06 | 19. The measure shall be reviewed periodically in response to other measures and decisions taken by the Commission and taking into account the implementation of this and other measures. In particular, this Measure may be reviewed and revised as needed, within one year of adoption of WCFPC electronic monitoring standards to ensure effective and modern regulation of transhipment in the Convention Area. | *Co-Chairs recommendation to address incomplete data per WCPFC-TS-IWG01-2023, paragraph 11*  Define Electronic Monitoring for transhipment to include any digital instrumentation that can report data and establish initial list of priority data fields. |
| TS-IWG Recommendation to  ER & EM IWG | Noting the role of electronic monitoring as an emerging priority work flow for the Commission, such technologies should be integrated into future measures to promote transparency and safety in at-sea transshipment activity | *Co-Chairs recommendation to address incomplete data per WCPFC-TS-IWG01-2023, paragraph 11*  Establish acceptable electronic monitoring technologies (such as crane scales) to address biases associated with visual weight estimates currently used for logbook reporting. |
| TS-IWG Recommendation to  IWG ROP | The TS-IWG identified several priority issues outside the scope of its Terms of Reference that could be addressed by other IWGs. In particular, transshipment observer standards in the Overlap Area and ways to improve transshipment observer data to verify catch and effort reporting are both areas that could be considered by the IWG ROP with significant benefit towards strengthening WCPFC transshipment regulation. | *Co-Chairs recommendation to address incomplete data per WCPFC-TS-IWG01-2023, paragraph 11*  Investigate the feasibility of requiring transhipment observers to record/estimate species catch in number (as per IATTC observers) to validate against the logbook reports, noting that catch in number is a more precise measurement and is the unit of catch used in the WCPFC stock assessment for the longline gear. |
| TS-IWG Recommendation to WCPFC20 | Where vessels are authorized to transship fish caught in the WCPFC Area on the high seas, where those fish are transshipped outside the Convention Area [CMM 2009-06 paragraph 2] the Secretariat shall work with the VMS service provider to ensure continuous VMS reporting by vessels outside the convention area. | *Co-Chairs recommendation to address incomplete data per WCPFC-TS-IWG01-2023, paragraph 27*  To address gaps in VMS reporting from vessels operating outside the WCPFC Convention Area, the WCPFC Secretariat needs to receive additional VMS data, including from vessels on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessel which are transhipping WCPFC caught fish outside the Convention Area. |
| Other Recommendations Stemming from the TS-IWG Discussion at TCC19 | Recognizing carrier vessels transship varying species across multiple RFMOs on the same trip, To establish transhipment activity, observer reports, and carrier vessel data exchange arrangements with the following RFMOs: IATTC, IOTC, CCSBT, NPFC for vessels identified on corresponding vessel registers. The Secretariat shall provide an update to TCC20 on its progress and advise on the potential timeline towards finalization.  The Secretariat shall provide a review to TCC20 of transhipmnent observer data gaps, with particular focus on gaps that may be affecting the ability of the Commission to assess compliance with the revised transshipment measure and other related obligations. | *Other changes recommended by members or overlooked by co-Chairs?*  Additional context to be provided in a forthcoming email to members. |