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Independent Panel to review the Compliance Monitoring Scheme

Dear All,

In response to Circular 2017/17, the Secretariat has received nominations of three experts for the Independent Panel for the CMS Review.

CCMs will recall that at WCPFC13, the Commission approved the Terms for a Review of the Compliance Monitoring Scheme (CMS) (WCPFC13 Summary Report, paragraph 142 & Attachment H). The objective of the review is to assist CCMs to improve compliance with the Convention and CMMs and to this end the review will be forward looking and provide clear recommendations on how best to implement the CMS. The terms for the review also prescribed a process to constitute a Panel of three members to undertake the review.

Since there were only three nominees, I am of the view that the ranking process envisaged by the terms for the review is not necessary. So I have assessed the curriculum vitae of the three experts nominated and am of the view that the three nominees together provide a balance of experiences which would be relevant to the membership of the Commission, have no recent affiliation with TCC, and have significant experience in Compliance Monitoring Schemes in other RFMOs. I am also of the view that at least one expert does have a sound knowledge and understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of SIDs. The Members that provided the nominations have confirmed the nominees' willingness and availability to be a member of the Panel.

The nominees who I now propose to be members of the Independent Panel for the Review include:

- Andrew Wright
- Christopher Rogers
- Don MacKay

I enclose for reference the curriculum vitae of the above nominees.

The Secretariat will now be making arrangements as per the agreed terms of reference to appoint the Panel and will confirm the Chair.

At least one member of the Panel is expected to travel to Pohnpei in June-July 2017. The whole Panel will visit Pohnpei in September 2017 to observe the TCC and at least one member to visit Philippines in December 2017 for WCPFC14 to provide an update to the Commission of its findings. The final review report is expected to be provided to CCMs for their consideration by March 2018.

Any queries about the CMS Review Panel process can be sent to me by email to feleti.teo@wcpfc.int

Yours sincerely,



Feleti Penitala Teo; OBE
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

To include Attachment: CVs of three members of the Panel

ANDREW WRIGHT

April 2010 -

Executive Secretary

Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources

The Executive Secretary at CCAMLR is responsible for a secretariat of 25 staff and an annual budget of approximately US\$4 million. The secretariat provides a comprehensive range of multi-disciplinary services to CCAMLR Members focussing on data custodianship, fishery monitoring, science advice and the implementation of a suite of compliance tools including vessel monitoring systems, catch documentation, vessel registers, port and vessel inspections, transshipment monitoring and international observer programmes. CCAMLR has 24 Member States (plus the EU); 11 other nations have acceded to the Convention.

August 2005 – April 2010

Executive Director

Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission,

The Executive Director is the chief executive officer of the Commission with core functions that include, *inter alia*, receiving and transmitting the Commission's official communications; facilitating the compilation and dissemination of data necessary to accomplish the objective of the WCPF Convention; preparing administrative and other reports for the Commission and its subsidiary bodies; administering arrangements for monitoring, control and surveillance and the provision of scientific advice; publishing the decisions of, and promoting the activities of, the Commission and its subsidiary bodies; and managing treasury, personnel and other administrative functions.

As the inaugural WCPFC Executive Director was involved, on a day-to-day basis, in complex policy, scientific and regulatory issues associated with a diverse range of fisheries involving large industrial fishing nations and small developing coastal States. The Commission supported world class scientific research and stock assessments of all target tuna species, and some species taken incidentally, as well as a developing suite of monitoring, control and surveillance tools that include a satellite-based vessel monitoring system, programs of observation and monitoring, transshipment verification, catch documentation, high seas boarding and inspection and port State measures.

July 2000 – _August 2005

Project Manager

The International Waters Programme

Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme

International Waters was a 7-year Project that implemented the Strategic Action Programme (SAP) for the International Waters of the Pacific Small Island Developing States. It was funded by the Global Environment Facility (GEF), implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and executed by the Secretariat for the Pacific Regional Environment Programme (SPREP). The Programme commenced in 2000 with total GEF funding support of USD\$12 million and co-financing commitments of USD\$8 million. I was recruited at the start of the Programme to manage its establishment and implementation on behalf of 14 participating Pacific Island Developing States. As Manager, I was responsible for overall Project management, administration and coordination. This included liaison, at senior officials' level, with the 14 participating Governments, partner institutions and other international agencies. The PCU had six professional staff covering science, social science, economics and communications. 28 national project staff were supported in the participating countries.

November 1995 – July 2000

Managing Director

Tutumarem Marine Consultancy Services Ltd

I established an international consultancy firm in Papua New Guinea in late 1995. The company provided professional advisory services to governments, international and regional organisations and the private sector in Asia and the Pacific. Advisory services focussed on fisheries development, resource management and conservation, policy development and implementation, project design, monitoring and administration and project feasibility assessment.

1991-October 1995

Deputy Director

South Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency

The Deputy Director at FFA is primarily responsible for the management of the Agency's technical program involving 30 multi-disciplinary professional and 22 support staff in the fields of marine resources management, oceans policy, fisheries economics and marketing, fisheries monitoring, compliance and surveillance (MCS), boundary delimitation, legal services, fisheries research, information technology, communications systems, multilateral fisheries access-treaty management, fisheries development and capacity building.

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DR. CHRISTOPHER ROGERS

Dr. Christopher Rogers is Assistant Director for International Fisheries within the Office of International Affairs and Seafood Inspection of the United States National Marine Fisheries Service. The Office promotes international cooperation to achieve effective and responsible marine stewardship, supports sustainable fisheries management globally, and provides certification for seafood products entered into domestic and international trade.

As Assistant Director, Dr. Rogers supervises staff engaged in developing seafood trade policy, implementing multinational catch documentation schemes, and evaluating the effectiveness of foreign nation fishery management and bycatch reduction programs relative to standards applicable to fisheries of the United States. In addition, staff members of the division are engaged in global capacity building activities to assist foreign nations and regional organizations with fisheries data collection, fisheries management training and regulatory enforcement.

Dr. Rogers has been a member of the United States delegation to the International Pacific Halibut Commission and the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. Dr. Rogers served as Chair of ICCAT's Compliance Committee from 2008-2013 and worked with the contracting parties to develop and apply a compliance evaluation process designed to improve the implementation of conservation and control measures adopted by ICCAT. Dr. Rogers was also a member of the ICCAT Technical Working Group for the Bluefin tuna electronic catch documentation scheme and was an invited participant to the expert consultation on catch documentation schemes convened by the Food and Agriculture Organization in 2015.

Don MacKay

- Independent consultant, and independent chair, in international relations and international law including oceans and fisheries matters
- Extensive experience in Pacific and international fisheries matters dating back to 1975, and participant in numerous conferences and meetings on fisheries and law of the sea (including Pacific Forum Fisheries Agency, Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission, CCSBT, CCAMLR, and IOTC), and has significant experience in Compliance Monitoring Schemes in RFMOs and in international fisheries management generally
- Chair of the Commission for the Conservation of Southern Bluefin Tuna (CCSBT), 2014
- Chair of the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources (CCAMLR), 2009-2010
- Independent Chair, Indian Ocean Tuna Commission, Technical Committee on Allocation Criteria, 2016 to present
- Co-chair of the United Nations Informal Consultative Process on Oceans and the Law of the Sea (UNICPOLOS), 2010-2015
- President of the States Parties to the Convention on the Law of the Sea, 2002
- Has worked extensively in, and has lived in, the Pacific region, including as Ambassador to Fiji and High Commissioner to Nauru and Tuvalu (1991-95), and has sound knowledge and understanding of the strengths and weaknesses of SIDS
- Also chaired the negotiations on the Ten Year Review of the Barbados Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Developing States (2004-5)