



**TO ALL COMMISSION MEMBERS, COOPERATING NON-MEMBERS,
PARTICIPATING TERRITORIES AND OBSERVERS**

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Development of Audit Points for the WCPFC Compliance Monitoring Scheme

Dear All,

As requested by the Federated States of Micronesia (FSM) I circulate for your information and attention the enclosed letter dated May 14, 2019.

The said letter expresses FSM's desire to lead the work envisaged by the Commission in its WCPFC15 meeting for Members to collaborate during the intersessional period in 2019 to develop draft audit points for the assessment of obligations through the Compliance Monitoring Scheme. In that respect, the Commission Chair thanks FSM for the initiative and leadership and encourages Members to engage constructively with FSM.

Any queries relating to this circular may be directed to FSM through the NORMA Director, Mr Eugene Pangelinan at eugene.pangelinan@norma.fm and copied to NORMA Deputy Director, Mr Mathew Chigiyal at mathew.chigiyal@norma.fm. I will also request that all communications on this matter are copied to the Secretariat through the Compliance Manager, Dr Lara Manarangi-Trott at Lara.Manarang-Trott@wcpfc.int.

Yours sincerely,

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May 14, 2019

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Dear Executive Director,

Re: Intercessional work on the development of audit points

I am writing with respect to CMM 2018-07 on the Compliance Monitoring Scheme and paragraph 425 of the WCPFC15 Summary Record, which reads as follows: "425. The Commission noted that the measure includes an ambitious workplan for 2019 and that FAC had allocated some budgetary resources to support this work. The Commission welcomed the expressions of interest from some Members to work with other Members during the intercessional period in 2019, to develop draft audit points for the assessment of obligations through the Compliance Monitoring Scheme."

At the recent 110th session of the Forum Fisheries Committee, FFA members reaffirmed WCPFC15's discussions that development of audit points under the Commission's Compliance Monitoring Scheme is important work that needs to be progressed in 2019. FFA members further supported the approach endorsed by WCPFC15, for interested members to take up the work. As the current Chair of the FFC and on behalf of FFA members, I am pleased to offer to lead the intercessional work on the development of audit points and the corresponding checklist of audit points to be used by proponents of new measures, as outlined in paragraph 46(iii) of CMM 2018-07.

FFA members understand that there is no specific funding allocated to this work and that communications will be conducted electronically with the potential for in-person discussions at TCC15.

If there are no objections, I would like to invite other interested CCMs to please nominate a point of contact who will participate in the intersessional discussions to develop CMS audit points and to submit their name and email contact to me at eugene.pangelinan@norma.fm with a copy to NORMA Deputy Director Matthew Chigiyaal mathew.chigiyaal@norma.fm, no later than May 31, 2019. I plan to circulate a proposed approach for developing audit points to nominated CCM contacts in early June 2019.

I would be grateful if you could please circulate this letter to all CCMs.

Sincerely,



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Executive Director

Cc: Mathew Chigiyaal, Deputy Director, FSM NORMA