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Tuvalu's Response Letter to proposed CDS Intercessional Working Group Meeting

Dear All:

Please find enclosed letter from Permanent Secretary Kakee P. Kaitu, Ministry of Natural Resources of Tuvalu in response to the circular on the CDS Intercessional Working Group meeting (Reference WCPFC Circular 2013-36) for your information.

This letter is circulated as requested by Tuvalu.



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CDS Intercessional Working Group Meeting

Dear Glenn

Thank you for Commission Circular 2013-36 and your suggested options for the first meeting of the CDS-IWG. Tuvalu has a keen interest in the development of the WCPFC CDS, which will have significant implications for the operation of our domestic-flag vessels.

We cannot participate in a meeting during the week of 22nd July due to other commitments. The proposed September timing does not appear to us to be a good compromise: as you have noted this would extend an already intensive two weeks of meetings at TCC and the FFA pre-TCC sessions. Therefore our strong preference is for the meeting to be held in October/ November, as per your option 3. Either Noumea or Nadi would be suitable for us as venues: alternatively there may be scope to link the IWG up with WCPFC10 in Cairns, prior to the Management Options Workshop.

We do not believe that this later timing is inconsistent with the CDS TOR, which state 'The working group shall commence in 2013' and 'The working group shall report progress to the TCC with a view to presenting a Provisional CDS proposal to WCPFC 10 or 11 (depending on development progress)'. With an already full agenda for the forthcoming TCC, it seems preferable that the CDS-IWG should plan to report to TCC11, by which time members will have had sufficient time to debate the various options under discussion and present a well-developed proposal. By holding the meeting this July and reporting to TCC10, there is a danger that the IWG will have insufficient time to properly refine the proposal, resulting in it taking up a disproportionate amount of time at an already full TCC meeting.

I would appreciate it if you could circulate this suggestion among members and seek agreement to hold the CDS-IWG in October/ November as per your Option 3.

Yours sincerely

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Permanent Secretary

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Dear Glenn

Trust this email finds you in good health. I'm attaching for your information Tuvalu's position on the proposed CDS Intercessional working group meeting.

Please feel free to let us know should you need further clarifications.

best regards

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