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Dear TS-IWG,

We hope everyone is doing well and engaged in preparations for TCC and the annual meeting. Between now and the end of the annual meeting, your co-chairs would appreciate your guidance and input towards strengthening the WCPFC Transshipment Conservation and Management Measure.

Along those lines, we've submitted the attached discussion paper to the TCC18 online discussion forum (ODF). In addition to seeking your feedback via the ODF, we would also appreciate further discussion of the paper and the questions therein during TCC18 Agenda Item 7.6(a) on Transshipment. Ideally, the input generated by this paper, and our discussion during Agenda Item 7.6(a) could produce a recommendation from TCC18 to WCPFC19. If necessary, the TS-IWG could facilitate requisite discussions between TCC18 and WCPFC19 and potentially seek to hold a TS IWG meeting on the margins of WCPFC19 in Vietnam.

As a reminder, all of this working group's documents and previous correspondence are archived on the TS-IWG page of the Commission's website.

In addition to the above, your co-chairs are preparing another document that will seek this group's advice for future work of the TS-IWG, including priorities and a provisional workplan for 2023. Much of the TS-IWG in 2023 will likely be driven by the outcomes of the transshipment analysis by the Secretariat and SSP. To that end, we understand that a range of unforeseen obstacles have prevented the Secretariat and SSP from completing the transshipment information analysis commissioned by the IWG. We look forward to an update on the analysis as well as any developments or anticipated needs related to the Secretariat's IT support for transshipment reporting during TCC18 Agenda Item 7.6(a).

Warm Regards,

Felix and Alex