Comments from the PNAO on Attachment 4: DRAFT - STANDARDS, SPECIFICATIONS AND PROCEDURES (SSP) FOR ELECTRONIC REPORTING IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION (as amended by ERandEMWG1)

The recommendations of ER&EM WG2 include:

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*IV. The ERandEM WG2 recommends that interested CCMs work with the Secretariat and Scientific and Data Services Provider (SPC-OFP) to ensure all current formats used for submissions to WCPFC, e.g., North Atlantic Format (NAF)[4], are adequately catered for in the draft E-Reporting standards (**Attachment 4**).*

*VI. ERandEM WG2 recommends that the Secretariat be tasked, working with the Scientific and Data Services Provider (SPC-OFP), to develop a revised draft E-reporting standards document to takes into account the outcomes of the CCM testing and feedback from CCMs on the current draft of this document. CCMs are asked to provide comments on **Attachment 4** by TCC12. This document should be circulated by the Secretariat to all ERandEM WG participants for their review and seek suggestions on how to progress the adoption of the E-Reporting standards by WCPFC13.*

The subsequent comment is made without prejudice to any further comments by the PNAO or any PNA Member:

With respect to the standards for file types set out in the following attachments within Attachment 4:

a) Attachment 2.   Electronic Formatting Specifications for EHSPSMARPT, HSP1SMARPT and VMSMNLRPT; and
b) Attachment 4.   Electronic Formatting Specifications for observer data and logbook data,

the standards for file types are prescribed, respectively, as:

a) *Microsoft Excel file ;   Comma separated values (CSV) text file ;   Text file (TAB delimited) ; text file (no delimiters) XML; and*
b) *Microsoft Excel file ;   Comma separated values (CSV) file   ; Text file*

The understanding of the PNAO is that these formats are being reviewed by SPC and the WCPFC Secretariat in the direction of introducing greater flexibility and taking into account formats that CCMs are already using. The PNAO expects that the reviewed formats will include the option of provision of data for the purposes above, in NAF.

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[4]*NAF = North Atlantic Format*