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**OUTCOMES OF INFORMAL SMALL GROUP TO CONSIDER INDEPENDENT
REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S TRANSITIONAL SCIENCE STRUCTURE AND
FUNCTIONS**

WCPFC-SC3-*Informal Small Group*/WP-3

OUTCOMES OF INFORMAL WORKING GROUP TO CONSIDER:

**INDEPENDENT REVIEW OF THE COMMISSION'S TRANSITIONAL
SCIENCE STRUCTURE AND FUNCTIONS**

1. An informal working group met to discuss the draft proposal for the Independent Review of the Commission's Transitional Science Structure and Functions prepared for SC3 (WCPFC/SC3/2007/GN-WP15).

Scope

2. The working group was invited to provide advice on any aspect of the draft proposal but chose to concentrate on the organizational structure of the review in response to Japan's proposal at WCPFC3. The group considered the establishment and composition of a steering committee, reviewer attributes and dissemination of an Expression of Interest (EOI).

Steering Committee

3. The working group recommended the establishment of a Steering Committee which would solicit an EOI, evaluate and select an expert reviewer(s) and monitor the independent review process. The composition of the Steering Committee would be composed of five (5) individuals: the Chair of the Commission, Chairs of the WCPFC SC, TCC and NC and the Executive Director of the Commission.

Reviewer attributes

4. Expert reviewer(s) attributes would correspond to the list in WCPFC/SC3/2007/GN-WP15. Reviewer(s) could be individuals or be affiliated with a qualified firm or institution. In order to obtain an independent review, the reviewer(s) can not be staff members of the WCPFC Secretariat or SC scientific provider (SPC) nor be an officer or delegation representative of the SC, TCC, NC or ISC during the review process.

Dissemination of an Expression of Interest (EOI)

5. The EOI will be distributed to CCM Official Contacts for further re-distribution within their member countries and also advertised internationally.

Budget

6. The working group reaffirmed the importance of the cost efficiency and cost effectiveness of the review process. The working group recommended that the

budget for the review will not exceed the level of \$USD80,000 as appropriated in the 2007 budget.

The working group suggested the following changes (**bold**) to the Provisional Indicative Schedule in WCPFC/SC3/2007/GN-WP15.

Task	Timeframe [tentative]
Finalize reviewer attributes, process and ToR	SC3, August 2007
Endorsement by Commission through correspondence	September 2007
Establish email Steering Committee	September 2007
Advertise opportunity and call for EoI to CCMs and International Community	October – November 2007
Close of EoI	November 2007
Steering Committee selects reviewer(s) at WCPFC4	December 2007
Formal and opportunistic consultations with full range of stakeholders including possible stock assessment preparatory workshop in Noumea (possibly June_–_July 2008)	January 2008 to August 2009
Reviewer participates in ISC	July 2008
Reviewer participates in SC4	August 2008
Reviewer participates in NC4	September 2008
Reviewer participates in WCPFC5 [presents Draft Report]	December 2008
Final Report	1 April 2009
Report to ISC Plenary	July 2009
Report to SC5	August 2009
Report to NC5	September 2009
Presentation of Final Report with subsidiary body comments to WCPFC6	December 2009