



REPORT OF THE AD-HOC MEETING OF SCIENTISTS AND COMPLIANCE EXPERTS

Swakopmund, Namibia 01 December 2015

1. Introduction and opening

Mr. Kainge, from Namibia, was elected Chairperson, and Mr. Campanis, from the Secretariat, was appointed rapporteur.

The participating members were nominated by their respective Contracting Parties during the 12th Annual Meeting of the Commission. A group comprising scientists and compliance experts convened following a recommendation by the Scientific Committee, to the Commission, to review the SEAFO reporting forms.

2. Adoption of agenda

The agenda (Annex I) was adopted based on the specific recommendations identified in the 2015 Scientific Committee Report.

3. Nominated Experts

- i. European Union – Mr. Luis Lopez Abellan and Mr. Jon Lansley
- ii. Japan – Mr. Tsutomu Nishida and Mr. Takeshi Shibata
- iii. Korea – Ms. Jihyun Kim
- iv. Namibia – Mr. Paul Kainge, Mr. Stanley Ndara and Mr. Beau Tjizoo
- v. Norway – Mr. Odd Aksel Bergstad
- vi. South Africa - Mr. Bernard Liedemann

Secretariat

Mr. George Campanis

4. Fishing Logbook Forms

The group agreed to amend SEAFO System Article 10 by adding sub paragraph 10.2 to account for 30 days to electronically submit logbook data to the Secretariat. The group accepted the logbook template proposed by the Scientific Committee during its 2015 meeting. The group further agreed that the templates should be available on the SEAFO website instead of being appended to the SEAFO System.

5. Observer Forms

The group agreed to minor amendments to the SEAFO System Article 18.1. The proposed changes are intended to clarify that the forms referred to in the article are the scientific observer forms as provided in the Reporting Forms section of the SEAFO website.

The group further agreed to update the pot fishery observer form to include reporting of lost pots.

6. Incomplete reporting format

It was noted that in order to facilitate the global fight against IUU, and to be consistent with other RFMOs/RFBs, SEAFO should include the vessel IMO number in all reports relating to vessel identification. The IMO number remains unchanged and therefore can be used to track the vessel during its lifetime.

7. Streamlining all reporting systems of SEAFO

The group recognized the continued need for data to be collected via several sources to cross-check and verify reported information. However, it was also noted that several catch estimates are performed by the master of the vessel i.e. catch-on-exit (COX), logbook, and 5-Day Reports, and the group agreed that the utility of such duplicate reporting may require further consideration.

8. Any other matters

The group agreed that the opportunity for scientists and compliance experts to jointly discuss corresponding issues in an ad-hoc manner was useful and productive. The possibility for further such meetings should be maintained at future annual meetings to avoid the need for additional expenses associated with a dedicated inter-sessional meeting.

9. Closure of meeting

The Chairperson closed the meeting on the 01 December 2015 in good faith at around 15h10.

ANNEX I

SEAFO Annual Meeting

Swakupmond, Namibia 1 December 2015

Ad-Hoc meeting of Scientists and Compliance Experts

Objectives

To discuss recommendations made in the 'Report of The SEAFO Scientific Committee' with the aim of evaluating progress already made, determine how much work remains to be done and if it will be necessary for experts to meet inter-sessionally and if so in what capacity (face to face or electronically).

Agenda

- Fishing Logbook forms
- Observer forms (not referred to in the SEAFO System)
- Incomplete reporting format
- Streamlining all reporting systems of SEAFO
- AOB

Outcomes of the meeting

- Present to the Commission work achieved and what remains outstanding
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- Propose to the Commission how best any outstanding work may be achieved inter-sessionally, taking into account restrictions regarding travel cost and time

