

**1st Meeting of the Scientific Committee**

**La Jolla, California USA, 22-29 October 2013**

**SC 1-01**

**DRAFT AGENDAS FOR THE SCIENCE WORKING GROUP & SUB-GROUPS**

**SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE: PLENARY**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

*The Plenary Meeting of the Scientific Committee will review and comment on the reports of the Jack Mackerel and Deepwater Subgroups, deal with overall science issues that span across Sub-Groups, or have not been allocated to Sub-Groups, and provide collated research and management advice to the Preparatory Conference.*

1. **Welcome & Introductions**
2. **Adoption of Agenda**
3. **Administrative Arrangements**
   1. Meeting documents
4. **Nomination of Rapporteurs**
5. **Scientific Committee Chairmanship**
6. **Discussion of National Reports**

*As stated in CMM-1.01: In order to facilitate the work of the Scientific Committee, Members and CNCPs shall provide their annual national reports, in accordance with the existing guidelines for such reports, in advance of the 2013 Scientific Committee meeting. Members and CNCPs shall also provide observer data for the 2013 fishing season to the Scientific Committee to the maximum extent possible. The reports shall be submitted to the Executive Secretary at least one month before the 2013 Scientific Committee meeting in order to ensure that the Scientific Committee has an adequate opportunity to consider the reports in its deliberations.*

*Participants will have an opportunity to present key aspects of their reports, and to ask questions related to National Reports tabled by other participants.*

1. **Report-Back from the Meeting of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group**
   1. Consideration of the report and summary of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group meeting

*The Chair of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group will report back on the key conclusions and recommendations of the meeting of the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group. In particular, the JMSG Chair will report back on stock status advice resulting from any jack mackerel stock assessments conducted inter-sessionally and during the JMSG meeting. The JMSG will provide a summary of the key assessment results for inclusion in the SC report under this agenda item. Where necessary, the SC Plenary may add further comment after review of the JMSG Report. The detailed report of the JMSG meeting will be appended to the SC report in full.*

* 1. SC Advice on Jack Mackerel Stock Status

*The Request for Scientific Advice from the Commission requires the SC to provide advice on the stock status of jack mackerel, based on updated stock assessments conducted in accordance with that request for advice.*

*The SC will prepare advice on jack mackerel stock status under this agenda item, based on the results of any inter-sessional stock assessments conducted by participants, additional stock assessment runs conducted by the JMSG and the report of the JMSG.*

1. **Report Back from the Meeting of the Deepwater Sub-Group**

*The Chair of the Deepwater Sub-Group will report back on the key conclusions and recommendations of the meeting of the Deepwater Sub-Group. The DWSG will provide a summary of these key results for inclusion in the SC report under this agenda item. Where necessary, the SC Plenary may add further comment from a Plenary perspective, after review of the DWSG Report. In addition, the detailed report of the DWSG meeting will be appended to the SC report in full.*

1. **Future Scientific Work Programme**

Update on draft scientific work programme incorporating the main components of the Jack Mackerel Stock Structure Research Programme

1. **Species and Habitat Profiles**
   1. Revisions to existing species or habitat profiles
2. **Next Meeting**
3. **Other Matters**
4. **Adoption of SC Report**
5. **Meeting Closure**



**SCIENCE WORKING GROUP: JACK MACKEREL SUB-GROUP**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

*In accordance with their interim terms of reference, the Jack Mackerel Sub-Group will deal with all matters related to research and assessment of jack mackerel, including related species caught in jack mackerel fisheries, and provide advice to the SC Plenary on the status of the stocks, and evaluate conservation and management options, for jack mackerel in the SPRFMO area.*

1. **Opening of the Meeting**

*The Sub-Group meeting will be opened by Dr Ianelli, the Chair of the JMSG.*

1. **Adoption of Agenda**
2. **Administrative Arrangements**
   1. Meeting arrangements
   2. Meeting documents
3. **Nomination of Rapporteurs**
4. **Report on Inter-Sessional Assessment Work by Participants**

*The Request for Scientific Advice annexed to the 2013 Interim Measures for Pelagic Fisheries (Annex 1) requires participants to inter-sessionally prepare updated assessments of jack mackerel stock status.*

*Participants will be expected to circulate scientific papers on the above inter-sessional assessment work at least two weeks before the SC meeting, and to provide brief presentations on the key results in their papers to the JMSG meeting.*

1. **Jack Mackerel Stock Assessments – Technical Session**
   1. Updating of data sets for additional stock assessment runs

*Together with the SPRFMO Data Manager, participants will report on any updated data sets provided for additional stock assessment runs to be conducted at the meeting. Participants are requested to ensure that they have complied with all of the jack mackerel data submission requirements, and that they bring all updated data to this meeting in a format suitable for input into the stock assessment models.*

* 1. Selection and specification of the base-case assessment, and specification of additional stock assessment sensitivity runs to be conducted

*Following review of the results of the ageing workshop and inter-sessional assessment work by participants, the JMSG will specify and conduct additional stock assessment runs, sensitivities or supporting analyses considered necessary to prepare the 2011 JMSG report on jack mackerel stock status.*

* 1. Conducting of additional stock assessment runs

*The additional stock assessment runs specified above will be conducted during the three days of the JMSG meeting.*

* 1. Synthesis and summary of key results from all stock assessment runs conducted

*Results of all stock assessment runs conducted inter-sessionally or at the meeting will be summarised as a technical Appendix to the JMSG report and used to inform the advice on jack mackerel stock status prepared under agenda item 9.*

1. **Advice to the Science Working Group on Jack Mackerel Stock Status**

*The JMSG will prepare advice for presentation to the SC and Preparatory Conference on the status of the jack mackerel stock in 2011 based on the stock assessments conducted inter-sessionally and under agenda item 8.*

1. **Jack Mackerel Research Programme**
   1. Inter-Sessional Progress with the Jack Mackerel Stock Structure Research Programme

*Members of the Jack Mackerel Research Programme Task Team will be given an opportunity to provide brief overviews of any inter-sessional progress made with projects under the Jack Mackerel Stock Structure Research Programme.*

* 1. Future Jack Mackerel Work Programme

*The 2nd Preparatory Conference requested the SC to prepare a draft future SC work programme, taking into consideration the components listed in Annex D (attached) to the 2nd PrepCon report. The JMSG will be expected to prepare the section of the draft SC work programme relating to jack mackerel, merging the key components of the existing stock structure research programme, and the suggested jack mackerel components listed in Annex D.*

* 1. Identification of short term research and assessment requirements

*Short-term intersessional jack mackerel research and assessment activities to be given priority over the coming year will be identified.*

1. **Revisions to the Jack Mackerel Species Profile**

*An updated jack mackerel species profile prepared by Dr Glubokov was tabled at the SWG8 JMSG meeting. Discussion of this updated profile was again deferred at the SWG9 meeting. Additional updates may be suggested from the results of the 2010 and 2011 jack mackerel stock assessments and other inter-sessional research work.*

1. **Other Matters**
2. **Adoption of Jack-Mackerel Sub-Group Report and Summary**

*In addition to preparation of a detailed Report for appending to the SC Plenary Report, the JMSG will be required to prepare a summary of the key conclusions and recommendations of the meeting to insert into the SC Plenary Report.*



**SCIENCE WORKING GROUP: DEEPWATER SUB-GROUP**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

*In accordance with their interim terms of reference, the Deepwater Sub-Group will deal with all matters related to research and assessment of deepwater species caught in bottom fisheries, including ecologically related species, and provide advice to the SC Plenary on the status of the stocks, and evaluate conservation and management options, for deepwater species in the SPRFMO area.*

1. **Opening of the Meeting**

*The Sub-Group meeting will be opened by Dr Serra, the Chair of the DWSG.*

1. **Adoption of Agenda**
2. **Administrative Arrangements**
   1. Meeting arrangements
   2. Meeting documents
3. **Nomination of Rapporteurs**
4. **Review of Bottom Fishery Impact Assessments**

*Any additional or updated bottom fishery impact assessment submitted by participants prior to the meeting will be reviewed against the SPRFMO Benthic Assessment Framework, and against the list of questions in Section 8 of the Report of SWG 4 (Noumea, September 2007).*

1. **Deepwater Species Assessment and Management**

*Any papers submitted on options for stock assessment and sustainable management of low-productivity deepwater species will be discussed.*

1. **Deepwater Research Programme**
   1. Future Deepwater Work Programme

*The 2nd Preparatory Conference requested the SWG to prepare a draft future SC work programme, taking into consideration the components listed in Annex D (attached) to the 2nd PrepCon report. The DWSG will be expected to prepare the section of the draft SC work programme relating to deepwater fisheries, taking into consideration the suggested deepwater components listed in Annex D.*

* 1. Identification of short term research and assessment requirements

*Short-term intersessional deepwater research and assessment activities to be given priority over the coming year will be identified.*

1. **Other Matters**
2. **Adoption of Deepwater Sub-Group Report and Summary**

*In addition to preparation of a detailed DWSG Report for appending to the SC Plenary Report, the DWSG will be required to prepare a summary of the key conclusions and recommendations of the meeting to insert into the SC Plenary Report.*

**Annex 1 to the SPRFMO 2012 Interim Measures for Pelagic Fisheries**

# Request for Scientific Advice (to be updated)

The Third session of the Preparatory Conference for the establishment of the Commission of the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO) acknowledges the important efforts and the work performed by the SC to develop the stock assessment of Jack Mackerel and to provide clear scientific advice in the September 2011 SC report.

The Third session of the Preparatory Conference requests that in 2012 the SC continues to conduct the following work and provide advice to the Commission of the South Pacific RFMO. This work includes further development and update to the stock assessment for *Trachurus* spp, evaluation of a range of biological reference points which could be used in management and scientific advice on the state of the stock, projections for recovery and the effect of management measures.

The Third session of the Preparatory Conference recognises that this request implies a substantial

level of work and is dependent on the human resources available and on the level and detail of data

submitted by participants. It is therefore emphasised that inter‐sessional preparatory work by flag

state scientists will need to be conducted, and the results of such work presented to the next

meeting of the Scientific Working Group or Scientific Committee, to allow the scientific working

group to make efficient progress on the items below.

# Specifically

The SC should further develop and update the 2012 jack mackerel stock assessment, following the

recommendations given in the SC October 2011 and September 2012 reports. Where possible and

appropriate, the stock assessment should incorporate:

 The most up to date information on ageing, growth rates and size at maturity, including

associated uncertainties ;

 Standardized catch‐per‐unit‐effort data to be used in the model as abundance indices. The

standardizations should account for historical changes in vessels, fishing areas and seasons,

environmental factors and other relevant factors. Standardised CPUE indices will need to be

provided by participants;

 All fishery and biological data available for 2011, and 2012 at the time of the assessment.

Further development of the model should consider:

 Further development of the preliminary analysis conducted in 2011 on biological and

management reference points, including the evaluation of a range of alternative and

appropriate targets and limits for fishing mortality and biomass levels.

 Evaluation of stock status under alternative stock structure assumptions