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COOPERATION WITH WCPFC OBSERVER PROGRAM

In response to a request from members, the staffs of the IATTC and the WCPFC have worked together to prepare this draft memorandum of cooperation, presented here for the consideration of the Commission.

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION (MOC) ON THE CROSS-ENDORSEMENT OF WCPFC AND IATTC APPROVED OBSERVERS WHEN OBSERVING ON THE HIGH SEAS OF THE CONVENTION AREAS OF BOTH ORGANIZATIONS

between

THE COMMISSION FOR THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY FISH STOCKS IN THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC OCEAN

and

THE INTER-AMERICAN TROPICAL TUNA COMMISSION

The Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC) and the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC):

UNDERSTANDING the value of undertaking cooperative efforts to facilitate the operation of vessels that fish in both Convention Areas during the same fishing trip;

CONSIDERING the Memorandum of Understanding between WCPFC and IATTC signed in 2006 and the Memorandum of Cooperation signed in 2009;

CONFIRM the following conditions for the cross-endorsement of approved observers to operate on authorized vessels that undertake fishing operations in the Convention Areas of both organizations:

1. The IATTC and the WCPFC recognize the importance of facilitating mutual cooperative participation among the members of both Commissions.
2. The IATTC and the WCPFC recognize that their respective observer programs meet the standards of both Commissions by collecting accurate data on fishing activities essential to the conservation and management of the fish stocks covered by their respective Conventions.
3. Vessels with observers may fish in the IATTC Convention Area only if they are included on the IATTC Regional Vessel Register, and may fish in the WCPFC Convention Area only if they are included on the WCPFC Record of Fishing Vessels.
4. Cross-endorsement for an observer will be given only when the IATTC and WCPFC Secretariats agree that the observer has met the necessary training requirements for operating on vessels that fish in both Convention Areas.
5. It is understood that the data and information requirements of each Commission will be met by the

authorized observers when the vessel in question is in its Convention Area.

6. All data and information collected by observers operating on trips that extend into the Convention Area of the other organization will be provided to both the IATTC and WCPFC Secretariats.
7. Each Secretariat will identify the data and information required for its Commission and will ensure that observers will be able to meet all such requirements with respect to vessels fishing within that Commission's Convention Area.
8. The Secretariats shall cooperate in observer training, with a view towards developing a core group of observers from the observer program of each organization who may be assigned to vessels operating in both Convention Areas to meet the requirements of both IATTC and WCPFC with respect to observers.
9. The provisions of this MOC may also apply to specified areas of either organisation which are not high seas, in accordance with relevant approval procedures of each Commission, and when so advised by the Secretariat of the relevant Commission to the other Secretariat.
10. This MOC is subject to periodic review, and may be modified as agreed by both Commissions. Either Commission may terminate this MOC with three months' notice of such intention to the other Commission.

Signed on behalf of the WCPFC and the IATTC:

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| Chairman, WCPFC | Director, IATTC |
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