

TAE FOR 2019-2021 FOR PURSE SEINE VDS

(Extract from the Summary Record of PA23)

The following is an extract from the Summary Record of the 23rd Annual Meeting of the Parties to the Palau Arrangement held in Nauru from 8-9 March 2018

54. *The PNA Office presented Working Paper PA232b TAE for 2019 – 2021 for Purse Seine VDS. The paper highlighted the proposed TAE from the VDS T&SC7 recommendation to consider the choice between the designated TAE of 44,033 and 44,158 which is the latest updated logsheet data for 2010 from SPC. It was noted that the estimates logsheet data have also been impacted by incomplete licensing information from Parties. This is one of the reasons why the logsheet data continues to be updated as new information becomes available. In addition, it was noted that 44,033 has been incorporated in WCPFC CMM 2017-01 but that Kiribati had asked at VDS T&SC7 why the Parties did not elect to nominate 44,158 extrapolated from the most recent updated logsheet data information.*

55. *It was explained by the PNO that 44,033 has been adopted as a measure in WCPFC CMM 2017-01 which is a legal requirement that is binding on Parties. However, in order to accommodate Kiribati's interest, it was proposed that Parties note the revised estimates of 44,158 and recommend that they work towards revising the measure, when the measure is next revised by the WCPFC. In addition, the PNA Office suggested that SPC be requested to provide information on how many logsheets by 10 square are involved from 2010, and also to ascertain how much uncertainty still exists with respect to the outstanding logsheets, noting that in 2010, the high seas were closed under WCPFC CMM 2008-01, and therefore there should not have been any fishing in the high seas; thus all the outstanding data should be attributed to the EEZ, and not the high seas.*

56. *The SPC explained that where there were uncertainties in attributing catch from aggregated data submitted by DWFNs that could be either in the high seas or the EEZ. When SPC does not have all the licensing information, when the aggregated data within 10 x 10 square are assigned to a region (high seas or EEZ), the rules attribute the catch and effort to the high seas, but where it has information about the license of a vessel, it allocates the these to the EEZ if the vessel is licenced to fish there, if not it is assigned to the high seas.*

Outcomes

57. The Parties: -

- a) Noting the revised estimates of 44,158, agreed to work towards revising the WCPFC CMM 2017-01 when it is next revised by the WCPFC.**
- b) Agreed to request SPC to provide information on how many logsheet data was still outstanding, and how much uncertainty existed with regards to that data.**
- c) To adopt the provisional 2019 PNA TAE set last year of 44,033 days.**
- d) That the proposed provisional PNA TAE for 2020 and 2021 be set at 44,033 days.**
- e) That the proposed provisional 2019 VDS TAE be set at 45,033 days; and**
- f) That the proposed provisional VDS TAE for 2020 and 2021 be set at 45,033 days as set out in the Table below.**

Determining the TAE (days)					
	TAE 2017	TAE 2018	Provisional TAE for 2019	Proposed TAE for 2019	Proposed Provisional TAE for 2020 and 2021
Estimated 2010 Logsheets effort	44,033	44,033	44,033	44,033	44,033
Length Adjustment factor	1.30%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<i>PNA TAE</i>	<i>44,605</i>	<i>44,033</i>	<i>44,033</i>	<i>44,033</i>	<i>44,033</i>
Tokelau TAE	985	972	972	1,000	1,000
<i>Total VDS TAE (PNA + Tokelau)</i>	<i>45,590</i>	<i>45,005</i>	<i>45,005</i>	<i>45,033</i>	<i>45,033</i>