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ELECTRONIC MONITORING STAKEHOLDERS
ELECTRONIC MONITORING SERVICE PROVIDERS

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**SUBJECT: ELECTRONIC MONITORING WORKSHOP, FFA CONFERENCE ROOM,
HONIARA, SOLOMON ISLANDS, OCTOBER 16th – 18th, 2019**

Greetings from the FFA Secretariat.

At the 16th Forum Fisheries Committee Ministerial meeting in Pohnpei, FSM in June 2019, Ministers welcomed FSM's initiative on electronic monitoring (EM) through the Technology for Tuna Transparency (T3) Challenge, recognising the potential for electronic monitoring to be a game changer in improving the management of longline fisheries. Ministers tasked the FFA Secretariat to develop an EM policy in collaboration with PNAO and SPC to be considered at their meeting in 2020.

FFA, SPC and PNAO have been variously working on aspects of EM since 2015 with FFA looking at an EM framework, PNAO developing an EM program and SPC looking at EM in the context of scientific data and the minimum data standards of the WCPFC Observer Programme.

The task now before us is to consolidate the work to date into a comprehensive policy framework that can be commonly and widely adopted by Members. FFA, SPC and PNAO have developed a consolidated agenda for a member and stakeholder workshop to progress the development of the policy.

The workshop is set for Wednesday 16th – Friday 18th October and is intended to be interactive and draw on the experience and expertise of members.

Funding is available to support the participation of two persons from each fisheries administration with a preference for these to represent both technical and policy perspectives.

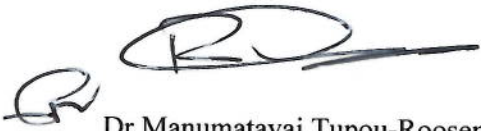
Participation is also invited from EM stakeholders and service providers to play an active role in the programme but supported at their own expense.

Please note that this workshop immediately precedes the pre-Management Options Consultation (MOC) week of meetings which will be followed by MOC. A separate Circular will be sent out shortly on these meetings.

Please find attached the agenda for the EM workshop. For technical enquiries, please contact Hugh Walton (hugh.walton@ffa.int) or Viv Fernandes (vivian.fernandes@ffa.int). For participant nominations, please contact Sireta Laore (sireta.laore@ffa.int).

We look forward to your active participation in this important workshop.

Thank you for your continued support of FFA.

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SPC/FFA/PNAO Data Collection Committee (DCC)

Longline Electronic Monitoring (EM) Planning Workshop

16–18 October 2019

FFA Main Conference room
Honiara, Solomon Islands

WORKSHOP AIM

Progress towards the establishment of a regional and national Longline EM framework based on recent governance/policy and technological advancements to ensure compatibility with agreed national, sub regional and regional data requirements and collection strategies.

PRIMARY OBJECTIVE

To progress towards the adoption of an agreed EM framework and standards at the WCPFC level for the longline fishery on the high seas and in EEZs, that is appropriate and cost-effective to members

SCOPE

This workshop focusses on E-Monitoring for the Longline fishing operation only, acknowledging that EM has the potential to be used in other operations (e.g. end-of-trip longline transshipment) and other fisheries, which will be addressed at a later date.

DRAFT Agenda

1. Opening address and objectives of the workshop
2. Recent governance/policy developments regarding Longline EM in the region
3. Potential scientific and compliance use of Longline EM records and data
4. Objectives for Longline EM
5. Approaches/Protocols for Longline EM implementation
6. Current issues in Longline EM implementation by PIC countries
7. Recent and future technical developments in Longline EM
8. Transition from Longline EM data process standards to the WCPFC Project 93
9. Longline EM framework - next steps...
10. Adoption of workshop outcomes