

AGENDA ITEM 9; STATUS OF ROCW19 RECOMMENDATIONS

Recommendation 1. (109):

- a. Urged members to work with both SPC/FFA to integrate the different national and regional information systems to be able to talk to each other so the data can be disseminated in a timely manner.*

SPC (Aurélien and Colley) to comment on status of integration of data systems to facilitate data transfer, there is an agenda item (29) on data status later in the week. At ROCW19 this was largely an issue of whether SPC were receiving iFIMs data effectively – hence the recommendation.

Recommendation 2. (133)

- a. NOP coordinators to support SPC's efforts to develop appropriate methods and incentives to encourage increased collection of biological samples.*

SPC (Jed) may wish to comment on the status of biological sampling and whether the crisis has improved, noting Agenda 31 addresses this issue. If there has been further incentives for biological sampling by observers and potentially trialing other methods in 2020.

Recommendations 3. (155.):

- b. Task the FFA Secretariat and SPC to conduct a 2nd Observer Cost Recovery workshop to help guide the NOPS on the possible approaches and options available;*
- c. Urged to seek technical support from FFA Secretariat to help develop the national cost recovery model.*

FA (Phil) to comment on progress on national cost recovery models noting there is Agenda item 10, addressing this further.

Recommendation 4. (162)

- a. Urged all NOPS to seek technical assistance from FFA Secretariat to help review the National Observer Programme SOPs including other areas of significant importance*

FFA (Phil) to comment on progress of national SOPs in 2019.

Recommendations 5 (178.):

- a. Encouraged observers to for the possibility to open ANZ Transactive and Debit Card accounts;*
- b. Reactivate the bank accounts in Major ports like Majuro, Pohnpei;*
- c. FFA to provide copies of trip reconciliation sheet (payslip) for observer trip payments*

FFA (Phil) to comment on status of facilities for processing payments for UST observer trips noting that there is an Agenda item (12) addressing this.

ROCW19 Recommendation 6. (183)

- a. Urged all NOPS not to rely too much on FFA and to treat this issue seriously and consider other alternative approaches to secure funding to purchase additional safety equipment.*

Phil and Members to comment briefly on the status of purchasing of safety equipment for national programmes in 2019, noting there is an agenda item (13) addressing this.

Recommendation 7-

- a. Urged members to advise the FFA Secretariat on available dates for national consultation (Insurance)*
- b. ROCW19 Recommendation 8: Tasked the FFA Secretariat to remind the ATA of their responsibility to meet the cost of observers when they embark or disembark outside of*

the FFA Members' ports and noted that this matter be included for discussion in this year's Annual Consultation with the USA

FFA (Phil) to briefly about progress on observer insurance or national programmes, noting there is an agenda item (14) on insurance; and regarding the ATA facilitating repatriation of observers outside the region

ROCW19 Recommendation 9:

- a. Create an official contact list the purpose of GEN-3 reports for CCMs and flag states.***
- b. Encouraged NOPs to have dedicated personnel on a full time basis to analyse Gen- 3 reports; and***
- c. MCSWG to develop the FFA position to review the current commission pre notification process that can allow the observer provider to communicate directly with the flag states on GEN-3 issues.***

FFA (Phil) to comment generally on progress o key contacts for GEN-3 issues, noting that this is an issue that should be addressed nationally through the MOUs between DFNs and providers regarding provision of observers services.

Commented [TP1]: This should only be done if included in an MOU between provider and fleet - the practice currently is to keep arms length.

Recommendation 10

- a. Tasked FFA Secretariat to draft the Observer Contract for US Treaty observer programme trips***

FFA (Phil) to briefly comment on FFA contracts noting this may also be discussed further under agenda items 11 and 12.

Recommendation 11:

- a. Make recommendation to MCSWG to pursue this proposal as a FFA position at the Commission level for an ROP ID cards for observers.***
- b. Tasked FFA/SPC to use the already purchased ID Card machine to print the PIRFO IDs and have them issued to observers***

SPC (Tim) to comment on status of ID cards noting this is also an agenda item (17).

Recommendation 12.

- a. Tasked FFA Secretariat to conduct a study on the different observer fees at other RFMO's to compare where the pacific Islands observers scheme are in term of the observer fee rating and provide a feedback at next ROCW.***

FFA (Phil) to comment on the progress to assess observer fees in other regions. Noting that this may also be addressed under Agenda Item 12.

Recommendation 13

- a. Urged all NOPs to seek technical support from FFA Secretariat to help review and develop their national EAP without further delay in meeting the regional observer safety requirement***

FFA (Phil) to comment on the status on national EAPs

Recommendations 14:

- a. Discuss the need for specific training for observer coordinators and human resource staff at fisheries agencies with reviewing remuneration and benefits policies to encompass, the unique circumstances and requirements of the gig economy; (Business model canvas)***
- b. Discuss the current level of basic seaman training amongst observer training programs at the national level; and***
- c. Discuss Table 4 and putting forward a proposal to MCSWG to increase observer rates in line with regional inflation.***

	Regional Infaltion Index					min_rate	indexed	mid_rate	indexed	max_rate	indexed
	PNG	Fiji	Samoa	FSM	Average	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
2005	1.8	2.3	1.9	3.9	0.025	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.62	\$ 50.00	\$ 51.24	\$ 75.00	\$ 76.86
2006	2.4	2.5	3.7	4.9	0.034	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.48	\$ 50.00	\$ 52.97	\$ 75.00	\$ 79.45
2007	0.9	4.8	5.6	3.5	0.037	\$ 25.00	\$ 27.46	\$ 50.00	\$ 54.93	\$ 75.00	\$ 82.39
2008	10.8	7.8	11.6	10.9	0.103	\$ 25.00	\$ 30.29	\$ 50.00	\$ 60.57	\$ 75.00	\$ 90.86
2009	6.9	3.6	6.3	3.9	0.052	\$ 25.00	\$ 31.85	\$ 50.00	\$ 63.70	\$ 75.00	\$ 95.56
2010	6	5.6	0.8	2.6	0.038	\$ 25.00	\$ 33.05	\$ 50.00	\$ 66.09	\$ 75.00	\$ 99.14
2011	7.2	8.7	5.2	7.6	0.072	\$ 25.00	\$ 35.42	\$ 50.00	\$ 70.84	\$ 75.00	\$ 106.25
2012	4.5	3.4	2	2.5	0.031	\$ 25.00	\$ 36.52	\$ 50.00	\$ 73.03	\$ 75.00	\$ 109.55
2013	5	2.9	0.6	1	0.024	\$ 25.00	\$ 37.38	\$ 50.00	\$ 74.77	\$ 75.00	\$ 112.15
2014	5.2	0.5	-0.4	0.7	0.015	\$ 25.00	\$ 37.94	\$ 50.00	\$ 75.89	\$ 75.00	\$ 113.83
2015	6	1.4	0.7	-0.7	0.019	\$ 25.00	\$ 38.65	\$ 50.00	\$ 77.29	\$ 75.00	\$ 115.94
2016	6.7	3.9	1.3	-0.9	0.028	\$ 25.00	\$ 39.71	\$ 50.00	\$ 79.42	\$ 75.00	\$ 119.13
2017	5.2	3.3	1.7	0	0.0255	\$ 25.00	\$ 40.72	\$ 50.00	\$ 81.44	\$ 75.00	\$ 122.16

FFA (Phil) to comment on the progress of identifying appropriate and recommending observer sea rates and the basic seamanship training of observers.

Recommendation 15:

- a. A procedure to be developed for course modifications outside of the standard 5-year review.*
- b. Development of a Certification Management Committee (CMC) Charter to manage the qualification and its ownership.*
- c. PIRFO assessment guidelines document to be developed to assist in determining which assessment to use when assessing a unit.*

FFA (Allison) to comment briefly on the status of review of PIRFO courses, and the CMC charter. Sifa to comment on standardizing of assessment assessments. Noting these are also discussed under agenda items 21 and 26 respectively.