

Regional Observer Coordinators Workshop

11th Regional Observer Coordinators Workshop
Forum Fisheries Agency
Honiara, Solomon Islands
June 21st to 25th 2011

Breaks: 09:30 to 10:00 and 15:00 to 15:30

Lunch: 12:00 to 13:00

Tuesday, June 21, 2011

9:00-9:30am Opening of the meeting by Chairman (John Kelly)

Welcoming of participants by FFA - Deputy/Marc Young

10:00-12:00 Outcomes of MCS Working Group meeting (Marc Young)

- a. FFC recommendations
- b. MCS Issues related to Observers
- c. Summary of MCS activity, fines

13:00-14:00

- a. Meeting Procedures
(Chairman and Deputy Chairmen discussion moved to Friday)
- b. Approval of the Agenda
- c. Philosophy of Meeting - "Regional Harmonization"
- d. Procedures for recording proceedings and recommendations
- e. 7th IFOMC – 2013; Vine Del Mar, Chile

15:00-15:30 Programme updates & Urgent issues (Siosifa Fukofuka)

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| a. FJ | f. TG | k. RMI |
| b. SB | g. KI | l. TV |
| c. SA | h. NA | m. NI |
| d. VU | i. FSM* | n. SPC |

- e. PNG
- j. PW
- o. FFA

15:30-17:00 WCPFC Audit Concerns (Karl Staisch)

- a. Include relevant CMM's in the FFA/SPC training.
 - b. Catch Retention, By-catch mitigation, Transshipment et al.
 - c. Issuance of safety equipment to observers
 - d. Vessel Safety Checks
 - e. Insurance (longline vessels)
 - f. Observer Workbooks with Min. Data Standards
- g Proposal WCPFC7-2010-DP/19 Review of Observer Reports (Karl Staisch)

Wednesday June 23' 2011

8:00-9:30 PIRFO Debriefing Implementation Strategy (Peter Sharples)

- a. Stationing of debriefers in major ports (Philip)
- b. Oversight

FFA/SPC Planning for Basic Observer Training (P. Sharples, T. Park)

- a. Training Trainers
- b. Basic, Refresher, Upgrade

FFA overview (Tim Park)

- a. Number of trips by each observer/nationality
- b. Vessel name, trip duration

10:00-10:30 Standardized Placement Form - Sub-regional and ROP (Philip Lens)

10:30-11:00 Contract for sub-regional & ROP trips (submitted by Philip Lens)

11:00-12:00 Form Revision (Peter Sharples)

- a. Frequency, every 5 yrs?
- b. Process & Review

13:00-15:00 Using Observers for MCS Purposes (Alexa Cole)

- a. Training
- b. Debriefing
- c. Legal Proceedings

Using Observer Data for MCS purpose – Data Access Rules (Alexa Cole
And Manu Tupou-Rosen

- a. Data Confidentiality Considerations

15:00-17:00 Observer Administration Issues (Philip Lens, Manasseh Avicks, Ambrose)

- a. Regional Observer ID cards
- b. Fees, debriefing & placement
- c. Standardized allowances
- d. Can FFA trips be managed by vessel agents for return travel**
(move to Friday)
- e. How many trips can an observer undertake at any one time?
- f. Travel issues re: travel hiccups and visas***
- g. National program reporting (Ambrose Orianihaa)
- h. Funding support to programs under 100% coverage (Ambrose)

Thursday, June 22nd 2011

08:00-09:30 per Diem (Manasseh Avicks)

- a. When is per diem paid?
- b. FFA standards for payment in cases of observer misconduct?

10:00-11:30 Observer conduct and alcohol use (Ambrose Orianihaa)

- a. Is total abstinence (alcohol) realistic?
- b. Regional or national programs; where is priority?

13:00-14:00 Tuna Transshipment (Karl Staisch)

- a. Overview
- b. Forms
- c. Data sharing between IATTC & WCPFC

14:00-15:00 Observer Training Testing policy (Siosifa Fukofuka and Peter Sharples)

- a. Re-sits and standards

15:30-17:00 Deploying non-PNA observers on FSMA trips (Ambrose Orianihaa)

Friday, June 24th 2011

08:00-09:30 Vessels paying observers directly (Karl Staisch and Peter Sharples)

- a. Why?
- b. Issues
- c. Alternatives

10:00-12:00 PNA update (Manasseh Avicks or other PNA representative, if available)

- a. FSMA Arrangement
- b. US Treaty
- c. PNA Observer Agency
- d. PNA Crewing Agency
- e. Other initiatives

TUFMAN installed in national programs (Philip Lens and Peter Sharples)

- a. Will it write to a central database?
- b. Backup
- c. Stand alone/data to repository
- d. Security
- e. Access
- f. Data validation (prior to transfer)

13:00-15:00 SPC overview of each program's data quality assessment

(Manasseh Avicks)

Hierarchy of Authority (Manasseh Avicks and Ambrose Orianihaa)

- a. Who has authority/role in cases of breach of Code of Conduct
- b. Who decides FFA placements? FFA or National Programmes?
- c. Who is responsible for FFA observer return travel?
- d. Signed Code of Conduct before each placement?