

International Consultations on the Establishment of the
South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

**Seventh International Meeting on the Establishment of the proposed South
Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation**

Lima, Peru

18-22 May 2009

REPORT

1. The Seventh International Meeting to discuss the establishment of a South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation was held in Lima, Peru 18-22 May 2009. The meeting was chaired by the independent Chair, elected at the first International Meeting, Bill Mansfield.
2. The Meeting adopted Annex A as its agenda.
3. The Chair reported that, as requested by the Sixth International Meeting, he had revised the draft Convention (SP-06-WP-01) discussed at that Meeting, and taking into account the comments participants had made both in Canberra and following, had circulated a fifth revision of the draft text to participants (SP-07-WP-01).
4. Robin Allen, the Executive Secretary of the Interim Secretariat, presented the Report of the Interim Secretariat (SP-07-WP-02) to the Meeting (Annex B). The Meeting noted the report, in particular that there is only sufficient funding for the operations of the Interim Secretariat until the end of 2009. Australia, Chile, the European Community and the United States indicated their intention of making contributions for the operation of the Interim Secretariat. The meeting encouraged other participants to make contributions.
5. The Executive Secretary presented a report giving an update on data provided by participants (SP-07-WP-03). This Meeting noted this report.
6. Kelly Denit, Chair of the Data and Information Working Group (DIWG) presented the report of the DIWG (Annex C), which had met in Lima from 11 to 12 May, 2009. The report noted the work done by the DIWG on data standards during the intersessional period, the development of the SPRFMO database, proposed its future work plan, and noted with concern the lack of detailed catch and effort data submitted to the Interim

Secretariat to date. The Meeting adopted the DIWG Report (Annex D).

7. Andrew Penney, Chair of the Science Working Group (SWG) presented the report of the SWG (Annex D), which had met in Lima from 12 to 15 May 2009. Both the Jack Mackerel and Deepwater Subgroups met during the week, and the Chilean Jack Mackerel Assessment Methods Workshop was held during the week of 4 to 8 May 2009. The report noted the progress made by the group in its intersessional work, and commented on New Zealand's Bottom Fishing Impact Assessment. The meeting noted that the next meeting of the Jack Mackerel Sub-group would review updated information on stock indicators as a basis for providing advice on the status of Chilean jack mackerel. The SWG report also noted that the Interim Secretariat had received data, in varying degrees of completeness, from participants. The SWG stressed the critical importance for their work of all required data being submitted. The Meeting adopted the SWG report, approved the proposed contents for annual National Reports as amended by the Plenary to the SWG, and approved the intersessional work plan.
8. Following the reports of both the DIWG and SWG, the Meeting strongly encouraged all participants to submit data in accordance with the data standards adopted at previous meetings.
9. Participants exchanged views on the Interim Management Measures adopted at the Third International Meeting, noted that the measures for pelagic fishing would expire at the end of 2009 and agreed that the Eighth International Meeting would consider Interim Measures for pelagic fishing applicable from January 2010. Participants were encouraged to consult intersessionally and exchange views on the future pelagic interim measures.
10. Much of the Meeting's work was carried out in small working-group mode. This enabled a frank and constructive discussion of all of the articles of the draft Convention text and the key underlying issues, and was helpful in drawing the positions of delegations closer together.
11. Much of the text was provisionally settled at the meeting, and delegates generally shared the view that the negotiations could be successfully completed with one further meeting. The Meeting requested the Chair to circulate a further revision of the draft Convention text, taking into account the comments made by delegations.
12. The Meeting agreed that the Eighth International Meeting to discuss the establishment of the proposed South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation would be held in New Zealand, from 8 to 14

November 2009, with the DIWG and SWG meeting the week prior (2 to 6 November 2009).

13. The Meeting thanked the Government of Peru for hosting the Meeting.
14. The Meeting was closed at 4 pm on 22 May 2009.
15. The Meeting was attended by those representatives who appear in the List of Participants (Annex E).