

Summary of how WCPFC harvest strategy workplan milestones for the 2017 Scientific Committee are being met

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The table below identifies the SC13 milestone identified in the updated WCPFC harvest strategy workplan that are of relevance to bigeye tuna (BET) and yellowfin tuna (YFT), and the 2nd column identifies relevant WCPFC science committee (SC) and Pacific Community (SPC) documents and SC13 agenda items to meet each milestone.

Harvest strategy 2017 SC milestone	Completed via the following SC13 (August 2017) documents
BET and YFT: SC provide advice on range of performance indicators to evaluate HCRs	<p>MI-WP-03 Scott R., G. Pilling and J. Hampton. Performance indicators and monitoring strategies for Bigeye and Yellowfin Tuna compatible with candidate management objectives for the Tropical Longline Fishery.</p> <p>SC13 agenda item 5.1.2 – performance indicators and monitoring strategies - As requested by the Harvest Strategies Workplan (Attachment N, WCPFC13 Summary Report), SC13 will provide advice on a range of performance indicators to evaluate performance of harvest control rules for bigeye and yellowfin tuna fisheries. As requested by the Small Working Group on Management Objectives at WCPFC13, SC13 will provide advice on refined candidate performance indicators for south Pacific albacore fisheries.</p> <p>Following discussions in the SWG on management objectives at WCPFC13, and commensurate with the candidate performance indicators for the relevant fisheries, SC13 will provide advice on the corresponding monitoring strategy to assess performance of harvest strategies</p>
BET: SC report on BET status following updated assessment	<p>SA-WP-05: 2017. McKechnie S, G. Pilling, and J. Hampton Stock assessment of bigeye tuna in the western and central Pacific Ocean. Rev 1.</p> <p>SC13 agenda item 4.1.1.1.c. Review of 2017 bigeye tuna stock assessment.</p>
BET: SC and SPC provide advice on likely outcomes of tropical tuna CMM	<p>I do not see a relevant SC or SPC report for this item – which is surprising, but I assume it will be covered under this agenda item:</p> <p>SC13 agenda item 5.3. Implementation of CMM 2016-01 - SC13 will review any updated information related to CMM 2016-01, including bigeye tuna hotspot analysis and footnote 5 of Paragraph 18 relating to eligibility for exemption from the high seas FAD closure, and provide recommendations to the Commission as appropriate.</p>