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OPWG members,

I hope the time since the annual Commission meeting in the fine City of Adelaide, Australia has been productive for all of you. I am attaching, as a reminder of the outcome of that meeting, the terms of reference for our work in 2017. And I am delivering on the first task of that document here - 2017 Draft 1.

This first draft for the SPRFMO Observer Programme continues the work from last year. I have incorporated all of the edits and comments, including those from the Scientific Committee as well as our short discussion at the CTC and Commission meeting, into this draft. Where past comments presented opposing viewpoints, I tried to resolve the conflicts but I do urge you all to read this draft closely to ensure it carries your previous input forward.

The most significant addition is based on our discussion at the Commission meeting and I have included greater details about the accreditation process and the standards for accreditation as Annex C.

As described in the TOR, please provide edits and comments in your preferred format (all methods can be accommodated - track changes, comment bubbles or in a separate document) by May 26, 2017.

I have also posted this on the SPRFMO OPWG Forum page online as well.

Regards,



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