

South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation

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Data Standards: Review of Data Provision Dates Described in Sections 1a) and 1e)

Interim Secretariat

1. Introduction

Section 1 of the current 2011 Data Standards is attached at Appendix 1. It contains two different reporting dates (under-lined) for data to be submitted to the Interim Secretariat. There is the potential for confusion with regard to which data submission dates apply to which parts of Section 1 of the 2011 Data Standards.

2. Details

The data submission date of 30 September for the previous (January to December) year's data on fishing activities was inserted at the request of participants, and was adopted by the Plenary of the 2nd Preparatory Conference in Colombia in January 2011. This submission date was intended to apply only to the data described in Paragraph 1 a) of the 2011 Data Standards, i.e. the 'Standard for Annual Catch Data' contained within Annex 14.

3. Recommendation

Annex 2 contains a proposal for a revision of Section 1 of the 2011 Data Standards. It is recommended that the Data and Information Working Group review the proposed text and recommend appropriate changes to the Data Standards to the next Preparatory Conference.

APPENDIX 1

Extract from existing 2011 Data Standards (dates of interest are under-lined):

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(b) Ensure that data on fishing activities are collected from vessels according to the operational characteristics of each fishing method.

(i) For trawling methods, Participants are to collect the data described in annex 1;

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(v) For potting methods, Participants are to collect the data described in Annex 5.

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(c) Ensure that data to assess the impacts of fishing on non-target and associated or dependant species are collected from vessels.

(d) Ensure that data on landings and transshipment are collected from vessels according to Annexes 12 and 13 respectively.

(e) Compile data on fishing activities and the impacts of fishing and provide these in a timely manner to the interim Secretariat of the proposed South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organisation (SPRFMO). Such data are to be provided in sufficient detail to facilitate effective stock assessment. Participants will provide by the 30th June, their previous (January to December) year's data on fishing activities and the impacts of fishing.

APPENDIX 2

Proposed Alternative Text for Section 1 of the 2011 Data Standards.

Proposed new text is under-lined and coloured in red. Proposed deleted text has is shown with a line through the text, and also coloured in red.

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