



Saint- Denis on January 19th, 2021

To: Scientific Committee representatives and SIOFA Observers

Dear Scientific Committee representatives,

Dear SIOFA observers

I am sending this letter on behalf of Mr Alistair Dunn, Scientific Committee Chairperson, in relation to the 2021 Scientific Committee activities, and items that raised at the 2020 Scientific Committee (SC5) and the 7th Meeting of the Parties (MoP7).

1. Harvest Strategy Standard (Project SER2020-01)

In regard to the consultancy for the SIOFA Harvest Strategy Standards (SIOFA Project SER2020-01), can you please share with the Secretariat and the SC Chairperson any documents or policies that describe your current domestic harvest strategies that are in place in your national waters, and especially any Harvest Strategy Standards that you may have for species that are also relevant of SIOFA (e.g., Alfonsino, Orange Roughy, Patagonian Toothfish, and deep-water sharks). Please provide this information by 29 January 2021.

As a part of this consultancy, we are requesting that the consultants provide a summary of any specific Harvest Strategy Standards to assist them and the SIOFA science meetings evaluate potential Harvest Strategy Standards for SIOFA.

We would also like to invite you to nominate an expert to be a part of a technical working group that would provide initial feedback and commentary to the consultants on early drafts of the harvest Strategy Standard report being prepared by the consultants. This technical working group will meet via videoconference in early February and by email to consider an early draft outline of the report. Please provide these nominations by 29 January 2021.

Summary of requests:

- a. Please supply the SIOFA Secretariat and SC Chairperson with current domestic harvest strategies that are in place in your national waters by 29 January 2021.
- b. Please nominate an expert to be a part of the Harvest Strategy Standards technical working group to provide initial feedback and commentary to early drafts of the harvest Strategy Standard report by 29 January 2021.

2: Request for nominations for SERAWG and PAEWG co-chairs.

Mr Lee Georgeson (co-Chair of the SERWG) has announced that he will temporarily be leaving the SIOFA community to take up another position in Australia, and he has resigned from the position of SERAWG co-chair. I would like to extend the thanks and gratitude of SIOFA and the SIOFA SC Chairperson to Lee Georgeson for his service as SERAWG co-chair and wish him well in his new position.

As a result, the SERAWG has a vacancy for a co-Chair to work with Dr Tsutomu (Tom) Nishida.

The PAEWG also has a vacancy for a co-Chair to work with Dr Patrice Pruvost.

As these two co-Chair positions are vacant, the SC Chairperson would like to invite nominations for the positions of PAEWG and SERAWG co-Chairs. Nominations will close on Friday 29th January 2021.

These are important positions and provide a great opportunity for a scientist to engage and contribute to SIOFA. I encourage all delegations to consider if they would like to nominate a co-Chair to the SERAWG and/or the PAEWG.

In the event that there is more than one nomination for each position, the SC Chairperson will call for a vote from CCPs.

Summary of requests:

- a. Please consider nominations for the position of co-Chair for the SERAWG, and send any nominations to the Secretariat and the SC Chairperson by 29 January 2021
- b. Please consider nominations for the position of co-Chair for the PAEWG, and send any nominations to the Secretariat and the SC Chairperson by 29 January 2021

3. SC related topics on the SIOFA website forums pages

Please inform us on forum topics that you would like to see and be relevant to support the exchanges on these topics (and any other SC related items). The forums on the SIOFA website were used for SC5 and provided a useful way to encourage discussions on topics of importance to delegations in advance of the science working group and SC meetings.

Thank you in advance for your responses, please contact me or the SC Chairperson if you have any questions or require clarification.

Yours sincerely

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