

RS8 Record – 26 Apr 2023, NOAA Office

Day 1

Exchange of 1st Statements

- US First Statement
- PIP First Statement

PIP Internal Meeting

- PIP Informal Statement discussion
- Lunch

Resumed Session

- US Second Statement
- PIP Informal Statement

US informal discussion

- Re. the \$60 mil package, Glen asked for clarification on the 50m + 10m advised at RS4.
- US advised that it arose from their need to raise the amount required by the FFC-Ministers
- Reporting requirement for the \$5 mil arose from Climate Change fund requirements, but will talk more with Washington if there is a way to get around this.
- US, re, \$10m,

DAY 2

- Exchange of statements
- EAA for 2023
- EAA for 2024 and beyond

DAY 3

- Refer to Statement exchanges
- US Proposed BC in the form of an MOU
- It does not have to be legally binding
- It does not need to be linked to the EAA
- If the PIPs are developing text on this, we will be happy to have it for consideration
- DTWG to commence their work, look for an appropriate time before the end of the year
- WCPFC Issue
- Comments have been received on the proposed regulation and will continue to work on this based on the prescribed schedule
- It is difficult at this time to put a date on the completion and advice on the date for promulgation

Afternoon

- NZ acknowledged Glen's input to the US advising of BC not to be tied to EAA.
- WS thanks group for the spirit of cooperation
- AU, thanks Chair and Sec staff. Feel positive after last session: i) Drafting TWG, business side things by July; (ii) EAA text agreed (big achievements); (iii) CPA to continue to discuss it free

from EAA, articulating what your priorities are, including linking it to the regional roadmap with the 2050 FFA Strategy.

- NU, thanks Sec and Speakers Group, glad we land on a good understanding on the EAA for 2023 and 2024 onwards. Way forward, still work by the TWG and next session with the US. It's going to be very busy from now on. Noting the US Treaty is a priority. Like to know in advance the timing, etc.
- PG, add same sentiments in thanking you and others for the progress of the work. Look forward to more information on the work of the TWG. Good progress on the EAA clarification and also look forward to the TWG work progress.
- Useful to have a clear plan on moving forward so as to focus on the next issues. Internally, funds distribution. BC will want to pursue but no through the MOU approach

Sec

- You have 6 priorities:
 - EAA for 2024 and beyond (great work and thanks); (ii) Supplemental \$10 mil,
 - \$5 mil reporting requirements, US will advise on providing experts to advise on this
 - Fishing arrangements for 2024 and beyond – CK and Expl days done, except for price. VDS and KI will advise.
 - Annex II amendments. There are 6 amendments. The attachments sent to them form part of the working documents. Pooling arrangements – 3 areas of convergence needed (additional days by US, our proposal on US sunk vessel and pool response [timing for payment of licence fees???)
Duration of the fishing arrangement.
 - RTCs
 - BC, implementing of Art. 3. Now it does not link to the EAA. It is outside of the Treaty. It can be as broad as we want, such as Ocean, etc. Up to the parties. A great opportunity for PIPs. It does not have to be shared priorities, where your needs are. Can be high level, individual training, etc. Art. 3 is isolated. The planned BC should not necessarily become part of the BC under Art.3
 - CPA –
 - Next meeting. 5-6 June, or week before (drafting group), meeting with the US (before the PNA Ministerial Meeting in Honiara), either physical or virtual. Week of 5 June is open, after... PIP session could be available.

AU – when next meeting

- RTCs remaining, for members to have time to consider this in June
- 8-9 May: potential for DTWG (virtual)
- 29-30 May: after FFC
- Consider: 3 converging areas
- NU, who chairs the TWG. As provided in the TOR, there is a chair and co-chair (PIP Chair and US Co-Chair).
- MH, but we need to get our response on the MOU for the \$10 mil to be done before June 2023. Divergence – it is not for the US to take. Deadline for the draft MOU for 2023 before it is done. Deadline by next week, plse.
- TK, 29-30 May: TWG to meet, more suitable for us. Consider the Work Plan too. Agreeing on the days later will be difficult for us.
- After FFC, a technical working group for that particular agenda
- Sec to update the UST Work Plan based on the outcomes of this session

- Harvest 9
- CK propose to discuss funds distribution in next meeting

DTWG

- AU proposes CK is the chair of the Group to meet before RS9
- MH and CK support it.
- RS9 is scheduled when
- 29-30 May, DTWG meet to consider Annex II (virtual). US to join
- 5 June (PIP session, to hear report from DTWG). Membership of the DTWG is still open to everyone.
- Thu & Fr, meet as RS9 with the US

Circular

- Updated UST Work Plan
- Dates for meetings (MH caution about confirmation of date)

FJ - Funds distribution, Sec will provide guide, etc

KI - Advised that its days with ATA will be finalized soon, will advise formally in writing.

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