

## **TAE FOR 2020-2022 FOR PURSE SEINE VDS**

### **(Extract from the Summary Record of PA24)**

The following is an extract from the Summary Record of the 24th Annual Meeting of the Parties to the Palau Arrangement held in Koror from 14-15 March 2019.

22. *The PNA Office presented the outcome of the consideration by VDST&SC8 of Working Paper VDST&SC8 WP.2a\_ TAE for 2020 - 2022 for Purse Seine VDS. The discussion at the VDST&SC8 had been guided by the requirements in Article 12.2, which included the requirement for Parties to take into account the best available scientific, economic, management and other relevant advice and information in setting the TAE.*

23. *The major issues discussed at the VDST&SC8 meeting were:*

- *Parties are obligated under CMM 2018-01 to limit effort in their waters to 44,033 days;*
- *SPC continues to revise the estimated level of effort in Parties EEZs in 2010, with the most recent estimate being 44,150 days,*
- *Parties will continue to look for an opportunity to update the 44,033 days;*
- *There are no indications of effort creep at a level that would be detrimental to the fishery requiring an adjustment to the TAE at this point. Work on effort creep is directed towards a skipjack HCR that takes into account the effect of effort creep in adjusting effort directly to reflect the stock status;*
- *The usage of days in FIMS, with and without the Length Adjustment Factors, is virtually the same, so the Vessel Length Adjustment can be kept at 0.00%.*

24. *Issues raised by Parties in the following discussion in PA24 included:*

- *The operation of EU vessels in relation to the length adjustment factors. – The very large EU vessels had left the region. There were a few other EU vessels but they didn't fish very much in PNA waters. There were still a few US vessels and maybe domestic vessels over 80 metres.*
- *The rationale for changing the PNA limit was that the current number (44,033) was based on failure of foreign fishing nations to provide complete and accurate operational data; and*
- *Although there may be difficulties in reopening the number, the TAE should be based on the actual effort in PNA waters, so Parties need to take the first opportunity to revise the TAE up.*

#### **Outcomes**

25. *The Parties agreed:*

- a) *To adopt the provisional 2020 PNA TAE set last year of 44,033 days.*
- b) *That the proposed provisional PNA TAE for 2021 and 2022 be set at 44,033 days.*
- c) *To adopt the provisional 2020 VDS TAE set last year of 45,033 days; and*
- d) *That the proposed provisional VDS TAE for 2021 and 2022 be set at 45,033 days as set out in the Table below.*

<b>Determining the TAE (days)</b>					
	<b>TAE 2018</b>	<b>TAE 2019</b>	<b>Provisional TAE for 2020</b>	<b>Adopted TAE for 2020</b>	<b>Adopted Provisional TAE for 2021 and 2022</b>
Estimated 2010 Logsheet effort	44,033	44,033	44,033	44,033	44,033
Length Adjustment factor	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%
<b><i>PNA TAE</i></b>	<b><i>44,033</i></b>	<b><i>44,033</i></b>	<b><i>44,033</i></b>	<b><i>44,033</i></b>	<b><i>44,033</i></b>
Tokelau TAE	972	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
<b><i>Total VDS TAE (PNA + Tokelau)</i></b>	<b><i>45,005</i></b>	<b><i>45,033</i></b>	<b><i>45,033</i></b>	<b><i>45,033</i></b>	<b><i>45,033</i></b>