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ABSTRACT

The IOC Ocean Best Practices System Steering Group (SG-OBPS) meets annually at a face-to-face/hybrid/online meeting. During the intervening months the OBPS convenes ad hoc monthly online meetings to discuss progress and focus on delivery of the work plan

This report is the record of the online meeting for 14 February 2024

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ANNEX 1 - LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

1. Opening of the Meeting

Cristian Munoz-Mas (CMM), Co-Chair-Elect introduced the meeting and welcomed participants . He highlighted that this meeting required decisions to be made on some agenda items and it was necessary to comply with quorum voting requirements. A complete list of the meeting participants is shown in Annex I. Apologies were received from Frank Muller-Karger (2proxy); Mark Bushnell (2proxy); Rebecca Zitoun (2proxy); Paula Sierra; Rachel Przeslawski (2proxy); Johannes Karstensen (1proxy); Emma Heslop and Peter Pissierssens. All participants agreed the session should be recorded, available [here](#)

2. Monthly meeting day and time discussion for Apr - Oct 2024

The global distribution of steering group members means that meeting times will never be convenient for everyone. Each year when the 'clocks change' the SG discusses whether there is any flexibility to change meetings times. The [World Clock meeting](#) was provided for members to view how moving times globally would affect different regions and it was agreed that there was no time that would be comfortable for all regions. For the past five years the meeting has been held regularly on the 2nd Wednesday of each month, but with the increasing frequency of other zoom meetings and clashes with other group meetings, the SG was asked to consider moving the regular day in the month. The meeting by consensus agreed to change the meeting day to the **3rd Wednesday of each month**, but to retain the time of the meeting.

ACTION:

Rearrange the day and time for OBPS Monthly Meeting to:

APRIL - OCTOBER 3rd Wednesday of each month at 12.00 UTC.

NOVEMBER - MARCH 3rd Wednesday of each month at 20.00 UTC [PS]

3. SG-OBPS-V [Summary Report](#)

The Steering Group was requested to review the first draft of the annual SG-OBPS-V Steering Group Meeting Summary Report by 23 February 2024, after which it will be published as a PDF.

ACTION:

Review the [SG-OBPS-V Summary Report](#) (in suggesting mode) by 23 Feb 2024

[All SG]

NOTE IN RELATION TO AGENDA ITEM 4 AND 5:

Rules of Procedures .. MG91

Under the above Rules, decisions can only be made at one Regular Meeting (SG-OBPS) unless there is an unexpected and urgent need when an 'extraordinary' regular meeting (SG-OBPS) could be held.

In addition:

- Voting can only be used at a Regular or Extraordinary Regular Meeting (SG-OBPS)
- No email voting is permitted.
- Proxy votes are not allowed in IOC

Any voting at the OBPS February meeting was not recognized.

4. OBPS Advisory Board - [proposal](#)

CMM explained that this Advisory Board proposal had been introduced at the SG-OBPS-V by George Petihakis (Co-Chair). It had been edited in real time during the SG-OBPS-V meeting from SG comments and was now ready to be implemented following the required procedures. CMM went through the document and invited comments. Some small format edits were suggested and accepted. The Advisory Board Proposal decision had been made at SG-OBPS-V and the proposal could therefore be implemented

ACTION:

[Advisory Board proposal to be implemented by the Co-Chairs](#) [RG/GP/PS]

5. [Endorsement Guideline](#)

Jay Pearlman (JP) (Past Co-Chair) on behalf of Mark Bushnell and Juliet Hermes went through the document and explained that GOOS and OBPS had successfully piloted an endorsement process for GOOS identified practices. Taking the GOOS endorsement approach as a basis, the guideline presented here documented the process of expanding the GOOS process to include endorsement by other recognized entities. JP acknowledged that these guidelines would be the basis for endorsement now and would evolve through expected iterations as experience with implementation progressed.

The Co-Chairs decided to call an Extraordinary Regular Meeting on one of the days 19-21 March 2024

ACTION:

[To facilitate approval and implementation of the Ocean Best Practices System Endorsement: Generic Guidance for the Broader Community, Version 2024-02-14 an Extraordinary Regular Meeting be called for one of the days 19-21 March 2024 @ 20.00 UTC](#) [PS]

6. Ocean Decade Barcelona April 2024 - who is attending and in what capacity ?

The Barcelona conference is now confirming registration acceptance which allows the planning of events and workshops to proceed. The OceanPractices for the Decade Programme will be represented by Rebecca Zitoun and other members are also attending to represent other programmes and activities.

ACTION:

[SG were requested to add details of their participation in UN Ocean Decade Barcelona 2024 to the spreadsheet](#)

7. Webinar on Women in Fisheries

The OBPS Ambassadors propose to organize a webinar on Women in Fisheries. Arrangements are being made with Frank Muller-Karger to be part of the MBON, AIR Centre, Networking Friday. **Carlotta Santolini**, IUSS Pavia University of Applied Sciences, Italy is leading the webinar and will provide more details when available.

8. Close of the Meeting

Cristian Munoz Mas thanked all Members for their meeting participation.

The meeting closed at 21.10 UTC

ANNEX I

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