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內容摘要：

「亞太經濟合作（APEC）漁業工作小組第 16 屆年會」及「漁業工作小組與海洋資源保育工作小組第 5 屆聯席會議」於 94 年 5 月 17 至 20 日於泰國普吉島舉行，本次出席 FWG 會議的與會國家包括澳洲、汶萊、加拿大、智利、香港、日本、韓國、紐西蘭、祕魯、菲律賓、泰國、美國、越南及我國 等 14 國及 APEC 秘書處、NACA 等共約 40 人。我國代表團由漁業署沙志一副署長率相關單位計 7 人參加。本次會議包括與海洋資源保育工作小組之聯席會議，討論議題包括第二屆海洋部長之峇里行動計畫草案、海洋漁業管理、養殖漁業以及漁業經貿議題等。

漁業工作小組會議中，討論重點為：峇里行動計畫草案、海洋漁業、水產養殖以及經貿部分；

峇里行動計畫草案，由加拿大提議所成立的起草小組，參酌印尼的草案，起草乙份包括宗旨、四大方針，以及十數項可考量空間，日本對於該草案相當保留，其他會員體則認為為利印尼海洋部長會議之推動，該草案有其必要性，各國均可帶回，並經過國內程序後，再提出修正意見，日本無須操之過急。

海洋漁業議題包括（1）如何避免 IUU 漁業、（2）生態系統之漁業管理、（3）海嘯後續復建計畫等。

有關水產養殖部分，主要由智利說明美洲養殖中心可行性評估計畫的進度以及 94 年 4 月在墨西哥召開的期中會議結果，各國對該計畫評估充實予以讚賞，並就未來工作重點以及經費來源交換意見。

有關經貿議題，由海洋水族館聯盟的人員報告有關珊瑚礁魚類貿易進出口標準以及生態標籤計畫，說明為促成珊瑚礁魚類的永續利用，避免不當漁民利用毒魚方式作業，該聯盟積極調查並在數個區域推動有關生態標籤的先趨計畫，希望經由民眾教育達成其保育的目標。幾個國家表示認同並說明其國內有關生產履歷推進計畫。

與海洋資源保育工作小組之聯席會議方面，本次討論重點在（1）峇里行動計畫草案，兩小組的人員將各自的草案合併後，決議帶回討論。

由於印尼海洋部長會議即將於 9 月份舉行，我國接任 FWG 之主事國，必須更為積極因應本次會議之安排。

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壹、前言

亞太經濟合作（APEC）漁業工作小組（FWG）第 16 屆年會於 2005 年 5 月 17 日至 19 日於泰國普吉島舉辦，5 月 20 日則為海洋資源保育工作小組與漁業工作小組第 5 屆聯席會議。

本次出席 FWG 會議的與會國家包括澳洲、汶萊、加拿大、智利、香港、日本、韓國、紐西蘭、祕魯、菲律賓、中華台北、泰國、美國及越南等 14 國及 APEC 秘書處、NACA 等共約四十人（中國、馬來西亞、巴布紐亞新幾內亞未派員），與會人員名單詳如附件 一。我國代表團由漁業署沙志一副署長率團，團員包括本署郭宗海簡派技正、黃向文技正、國立台灣大學漁業科學研究所陳秀男教授、國立高雄大學高聖惕副教授及中華民國對外漁業合作發展協會何勝初執行長及張正昇組長。

貳、過程

一、接任主事國協商

我團於 94 年 5 月 16 日上午 10 時與 FWG 現任主事國美籍 Tinkham 就本次年會安排以及 FWG 主事國交接後應辦事項交換意見，重點摘要如次：

(一)有關 LS 業務交接

1. 美方認為 LS 主要任務有三項：

(1) 籌辦年會議題及行政事宜；

(2) 監督計畫順利執行，逐項檢視計畫，看是否確實落實 APEC FWG 宗旨；

(3) 透過 FWG 平台，如何尋找適當議題，將 FWG 的宗旨強化落實在各個經濟體，以及與其他工作小組之間的合作；例如 SOD 之執行，除與 MRCWG 及 FWG 相關外，亦涉及與交通和旅遊等工作小組。

2. 美方認為對台灣而言，APEC 是個很值得發揮的場合，應該選個比較不具爭議性的議題（例如 food safety 等等，至於 IUU 或許就太具

爭議)，盡力協助開發中國家的能力建構，加強各國之間的合作 (ECOTECH)，讓各國體認台灣的實力。

3. 有關資訊分享：網站部分由 APEC 秘書處負責，相關細節可洽秘書處。至於 APEC MRCWG 與 FWG 季刊，既然我國將接任 FWG LS，爾後可以更充實的資訊，給編輯單位（中山大學邱文彥教授），以充實該季刊之內容，讓各經濟體了解 MRCWG 及 FWG 的近期工作重點。

4. 紐西蘭曾提出乙份有關 APEC FWG 績效評估，對於各項計畫有清楚之研析，可供我方參考。

5. 有關與 FWG LS 業務相關之電子檔案已備妥，將提供給我國。

6. 有關計畫的執行監督，智利所提的計畫進行相當順利，但越南所提的計畫進度則延宕不前，令人憂心。

7. 另 Tinkham 亦表示，加拿大建議可在 FWG 中推舉幾個經濟體代表協助 LS，以協助處理各不同議題之計畫評估及監督。

8. 有關 Mailing list 也應該設法隨時更新，避免各國因為職務異動而失去聯繫。

9. 有關下屆年會，各國應不會反對由我國舉辦，加拿大未來也願意接辦，美方認為日後可以考量按照字母排序擔任年會地主國，以避免每年尋找地主國的困擾。此構想將在年會中討論。

10. LS 任期基本上為 2 年，美方希望我方從今年起算擔任 2 年，甚至 4 年，才能充分體驗並推動我方企望推動的議題。

(二) 需與 APEC 秘書處商討事項：

1. 有關網站的維護

2. 計畫的監控，例如提報計畫的時間表、計畫執行報告等，建議參考 APEC Guideline 實際執行。

(三) 其他建議

1. 為促進 FWG 與其他工作小組的聯繫，LS 可以設法透過資深官

員會議（直接與資深官員溝通或經由資深官員會議安排），以促成與相關工作小組 LS 間的聯繫。

2. 越南將擔任 APEC 2006 年主事國，美國希望我國能儘力協助越南，我方表示將向國內相關部會傳達此訊息。

（四） 本次年會安排：

1. 地主國秘書處將於今晚 7 點辦理報到手續，泰國 Phuket 省副省長預定於今晚 8:30 抵達視察，並與 Tinkham 及沙副署長見面，以確定會議之安排事宜。

2. 週二先舉辦聯席會議之開幕，泰國 Phuket 省副省長將親臨主持，並緊接辦理記者會。隨後本次 FWG 會議將由美國、泰國及我國共同主持。

3. FWG 會議開幕後先介紹新任 LS，屆時我方代表可簡短致詞。有關會議記錄，美方提議找幾個經濟體代表各負責不同單元，再交給 LS 彙整，並建議我方負責第一節。Co-chair 發言時間很彈性，可以隨時通知主席。

4. 在第一節有關各經濟體致辭後，將由 LS 先回顧近期重要國際會議結果；印尼將簡介 AOMM2，並提出四大主軸，美方希望在本次會議能就上述主軸議題擬訂 FWG 之主要論點，俾便各國攜回討論。

5. 第二節 Strategic Direction 部分，美方認為可以將其作為 AOMM-2 的指引方針之一，討論如何藉此充實 Bali 行動計畫。

6. 第三節漁業管理部分，邀請加拿大說明 St. John 會議結果，APEC 秘書處也會就 APEC 的緊急災害特別工作小組之運作提出說明。

7. 另外，首日晚間有歡迎晚宴，將由泰國以及主事國致歡迎詞。

8. 第四節養殖部分，先就美洲養殖中心案交換意見，過去也討論過有關珊瑚礁魚類進口標準（import risk analysis, IRA）等問題。

9. 第五節有關貿易自由化，主要包括 Ecolabeling、Food safety，香港曾經提案討論有關生態標籤問題，不過因為各經濟體情況差異很

大，討論往往缺乏焦距。美方建議下年度可在 FWG 會議報告近期 WTO 會議討論重點。另亦可建議在 AOMM2 討論貿易議題。

10. 有關第六節會議閉幕，將由美方宣佈我方接任 LS，再由沙副署長致詞歡迎各經濟體到台灣參加下屆年會。

11. 有關聯席會議，具體議程仍待研擬，至於共同主席，原則仍由 Tinkham 擔任，兩個工作小組可就印尼所提 AOMM2 之四大主軸交換意見，以期共同研擬主要論點。

12. 希望爾後的會議各國提供書面開幕詞即可，不需要太多口頭報告，可以節省時間。

13. 本次會議尚無任何計畫提出，建議在本次會議中凝聚共識並尋求提案國。由於總經費下降，各工作小組計畫經費減少，去年提報三項計畫，僅通過二項，所以建議計畫數量控制在 2 項，經費約在 15 萬美元較為適宜。

(五) 有關 AOMM-2

1. 鑑於經費問題，美方希望能省去 7 月份之雅加達會議，或者透過視訊會議等其他方式交換意見，或在部長會議前幾天召開即可。

2. 我方認為印尼已積極宣導 AOMM2 籌備會議的重要性，我方希望能夠邀請 Tinkham 擔任 FWG 處理 AOMM2 事宜之特別顧問 (special advisor)，或許可以強化美方與會的正當性。

二、漁業工作小組會議

(一)開幕

會議於 5 月 17 日上午十時開幕，先由主事國 Tinkham 感謝泰國舉辦本會議，並感謝加拿大、紐西蘭、美國的經費贊助，由於將由中華台北接任主事國，故由沙志一副署長擔任共同主席，主席簡介本次會議安排及相關活動，包括：

1. 由於本次會議情況特殊，故請多個國家擔任各節之紀錄，首節由

我國擔任。

2. 目前各國均無計畫提出，希望能在本次會議中凝聚想法俾在 8 月 BMC 會議中提出計畫。
3. 希望成立特別小組協助新任主事國推進 FWG 相關事務，例如計畫之審核等等。
4. 未來 APEC 希望朝無紙化目標前進，因此希望儘量以電子檔形式交換檔案。

各國紛恭喜我國接任主事國，議程草案如附件 二。日本要求加列「追認第二屆海洋相關部長會議」，加拿大等國表達理解日本的說法，然而，如同秘書處所言，海洋部長案已經資深官員會議同意，要求在本次會議討論是否追認本案似已多此一舉，而應將本次會議重點擺在行動計畫的內容以及工作計畫。

正式會議開始，主席補充表示本次會議受邀者包括 NACA，但由於時間倉促，故未能事先取得會員同意，經現場徵詢，無人表示異議，故 NACA 得以參加本次會議。

首先由 APEC 秘書處代表項恬毅秘書簡單說明 APEC 過去一年來的重要會議結論、漁業工作小組過去通過計畫之預算執行狀況，以及 BMC 會議決議，並表示澳洲捐助特別基金以贊助開發中國家的能力建構(附件 三)。秘書處告知各會員國可透過 APEC 秘書處網站取得相關重要資訊，並請各計畫主持人應該在期限前完成計畫並通知主事國以及秘書處，以辦理撥款等事宜。

主事國也要求提計畫的國家注意在研提計畫時應該符合 APEC 的宗旨，並先向各國的資深官員說明該計畫俾在 BMC 會議爭取支持，獲得補助後也應該負起監督的責任。

接下來由會員依序致開幕詞說明各國漁業現況、關切重點以及管理政策，其中加拿大特別提到 5 月份的公海漁業治理會議的成果，紐西蘭提到全球化漁業的管理、公海漁業、IUU 以及漁業與環境的關係應該是工作小組注意的重點。我國由郭宗海簡派技正報告，說明我國目前重點政策方向以及與

國際間合作之重點，我國之開幕詞如附件 四。

(二)第二屆海洋部長會議安排

先由印尼簡報計畫進度，包括會議軸心、四大方向、會議時間及結構、期中會議規劃以及籌備進度等。

我國、加拿大、美國、紐西蘭、日本、祕魯紛紛提出意見，包括對於原草案各項目（如 ECOTECH、Sustainability 等）的質疑。美加認為由於經費限制，難以參加 7 月的雅加達會議，並認為行動計畫草案過於模糊，日本認為應該加強與其他工作小組的聯繫，另一方面又要避免重疊。最後加拿大提議成立兩個小組，參酌印尼的草案，分別討論行動計畫草案以及開發中國家能力建構議題，該小組另於每日早上 7:30 討論，我國由郭簡派技正以及高聖惕副教授參加該小組討論。

經過二日的討論，由起草小組提出乙項草案，包括宗旨、四大方針，以及十數項可考量空間。日本對於該草案相當保留，認為應該採宣言形式，內容不需過細，其他國家則認為已經有漢城海洋部長宣言，不需要重複的宣言造成困擾，而應考量如何落實為具體行動。為避免流於空談，多數會員體認為該草案有其必要性，各國均可帶回，並經過國內程序後，再提出修正意見，日本無須操之過急。

至於 AOMM-2 工作計畫，印尼表示彈性很大，各國提出意見包括原有的期中會議、籌備會議（然其代表性又受到質疑）、延伸資深官員會議的會議，或僅以 EMAIL 交換意見，應該設定草案出爐的期限等等，由於意見過於分歧，未達成共識，且還待 MRCWG 會議取得共識，故主席裁示將議題送交聯席會議決定。

(三)海洋漁業管理

海洋漁業議題包括（1）如何避免 IUU 漁業、（2）生態系統之漁業管理、

(3) 海嘯後續復建計畫等。

我國提出我國在防制 IUU 漁業方面的作為，鼓勵各國加強與國際漁業組織及雙邊的合作。智利也提供其 IUU 國家計畫。紐西蘭特別關切有關 MCS 網絡的推動，認為可以推動 APEC 區域的 MCS 合作網路。韓國也提到其 IUU 國家行動計畫已通過，並提供給漁民參考，認為有效的 MCS 相當重要，APEC 或許可以作為資訊交換平台。印尼也表示正在推動 VMS 系統，並已通過 IUU 國家行動計畫，日本則提出日前在 FAO 提出的文件(information paper)，由於該文中再度指責我國人非法擴張西太平洋圍網漁業，我國嚴詞駁斥，說明我國過去多年努力與日本合作減少 IUU 漁業，日本不應該在 APEC 這個合作的舞台指責他國為 IUU 國家，特別是目前公海轉載是公海漁業管理的漏洞之一，日本身為轉運船的國家也應該負起責任。加拿大則認為應該進一步起而行，採取具體的行動，也可以在 AOMM-2 討論，加國並再度說明公海漁業治理會議的方針。

此外，OECD 的公海特別小組也成為討論焦點之一，由於該特別小組僅有二年期間，加拿大、紐西蘭等公海特別小組的成員國特別關注應該如何落實該小組的建議工作項目。

有關生態系統管理方面，我國、日本、韓國、紐西蘭等國都表達對此議題的關切，希望各國都能多了解其實質內涵。

至於海嘯議題，大會另安排與 MRCWG 共同聽取泰國政府的報告，各國也表達對於海嘯國家的關心以及實際行動，並提供經驗交換，期望加強雙邊合作。

(四)水產養殖

有關水產養殖部分，主席先概要說明 FAO 養殖次委員會的結果，續由智利說明美洲養殖中心可行性評估計畫的進度以及 94 年 4 月在墨西哥召開的期中會議結果，各國對該計畫評估充實予以讚賞，包括我國、加拿大、祕魯、紐

西蘭、日本、韓國並就未來工作重點以及經費來源交換意見，主席裁示本計畫結果通過，並列入 BPOA 參考。

(五)漁業經貿

有關經貿議題，由美國先介紹 FAO 會議結果，對於生態標籤議題，日本表示原則支持，但需要透明化的措施。我國也希望 APEC 作為資訊交換的平台。

續由海洋水族館聯盟的人員報告有關珊瑚礁魚類貿易進出口標準以及生態標籤計畫，說明為促成珊瑚礁魚類的永續利用，避免不當漁民利用毒魚方式作業，該聯盟積極調查，並在數個國家推動生態標籤的先趨計畫，希望經由民眾教育，達成其保育的目標。幾個國家發言認同該計畫的精神，對於是否提昇至 FAO 的層次以及是否擴大到設有 TAC 的魚種以作為保育措施，計畫執行人則說明本計畫現階段僅針對珊瑚礁魚類，為各國 EEZ 內魚種，並未進行資源評估，目前僅為自願性實施。日本、韓國等國則另說明其國內正在推行有關生產履歷計畫。

(六)閉幕

1、通過會議文件

由秘書處報告本次會議文件，對於日本所提指責我國的文件，日本原要求列入，我國認為該文件與事實不符，也未在本會議中討論，不應列入，澳洲認同，秘書處表示該文件將不對外公開。此外，有關 AOMM-2 行動計畫草案，加拿大認為仍在討論階段，應列為不對外公開文件。

有關漁業工作小組會議記錄，由於本次會議由多個紀錄者紀錄，主事國表示將俟彙整完畢後，儘速以電子郵件送給各國確認。

2、第 17 屆會議地主國

我國發言邀請各國到台灣參加下一屆年會，各國鼓掌通過。稍待片刻，韓國也發言表示希望舉辦第 18 屆會議，各國原表歡迎，澳洲忽發言表示由於澳洲為 2007 年 APEC 主事國，希望在 2007 年舉辦 FWG 會議，故需要與韓國再

協調。加拿大則發言表示將在明天的聯席會議表達希望兩個小組能夠每年都舉辦聯席會議。(惟據悉 MRCWG 明年年會已決定在中國舉辦，韓國對於 2007 年的會議則已定位為聯席會議)。

3、宣佈新任主事國

主席宣佈將由我國接任主事國，沙副署長代表發言感謝美方 Tinkham 的貢獻，也將致力做好 LS，美方 Tinkham 致詞表達各國的支持，加拿大、紐西蘭、美國、我國均紛紛發言感謝渠對於工作小組之貢獻，我國並邀請渠為特別顧問。

4、其他事務

紐西蘭再度提出成立特別工作小組協助新任 LS 案，也希望秘書處給予協助，我國對此表達同意，並邀請 Tinkhem 繼續給予協助。秘書處說明其職責在於協助各工作小組有關 APEC 行政程序事宜，不涉及專業議題。加拿大認為應該有透明的程序俾成立該小組。我國表示會再思考，等具體計畫出爐後再以 email 與各國聯繫。

加拿大又提出有關 AOMM-2 在資深官員會議提出討論，但秘書處卻沒有表示該案並未經過工作小組同意，認為程序上有瑕疵，秘書處表示此類問題應該在經濟體內解決，秘書處只負責呈遞各國提案，不適合表示具體建議，各國倘對此有意見，應該由其資深官員在會中反對，但實際狀況是印尼在資深官員會議提案時，沒有任何國家反對(或許是因為資深官員均以為已在工作小組會議討論)，加拿大未有其他意見。FWG 會議至此結束。

三、海洋資源保育工作小組以及漁業工作小組聯席會議

(一)開幕

開幕儀式於 5 月 17 日先舉辦，由泰國普吉島副省長以及泰國自然資源部代表致詞歡迎各國，並由加拿大 Ms. Donna Petrachenko 代表海洋資源保育工作小組以及漁業工作小組致詞，感謝泰國舉辦本會議，也期待兩小組會議能有豐碩的成果。

聯席會議正式會議於 5 月 20 日召開，由美籍 Tinkham 擔任主席，加拿大

(MRCWG 主事國)及我國擔任共同主席，並依議程逐項討論：

(二)計畫報告

首先由澳洲介紹與智利合辦的有關海洋不當引進物種研討會 (Introduced Marine Pests)，接續由美國扼要說明在夏威夷舉辦的海洋廢棄物研討會 (Marine Debris Workshop)結果，部分資料並將置於網站供各國參考。另並由 APEC 代表說明有關中小型企業工作小組 (Small and Medium Enterprise Working Group) 的宗旨。

(三)峇里行動計畫之方針-兩小組之草案介紹以及合併

MRC 主事國以及加拿大分別介紹兩小組所提出的峇里行動計畫草案，MRC 提出兩頁的摘要，強調不當引進海洋物種、海洋廢棄物、陸源污染、海洋政策與管理、海洋觀測系統、氣候變遷、以及能力建構等議題。FWG 則提出 16 頁的簡報檔，說明 AOMM-2 的中心思想 (Healthy oceans and coasts-For Sustainable growth and prosperity, and to strength the Asia Pacific Community)，並列出四項方針。主席說明本草案在提供各國討論方向。加拿大並自願將兩小組草案合併後，並供各國代表帶回討論。合併之草案如附件五。

日本對此草案表示不願接受，認為本文件並未達成任何共識，要求更詳細的工作計畫，並特別強調應該加強與 APEC 其他工作小組的聯繫。其他國家紛紛發言表示此草案為本會議之初步成果，倘連此文件都無法作為討論文件，則此次會議變得徒勞無功，後續更難推動。我國也認為可以此草案作為未來討論參考，未必最後都會列入，但擴大討論範圍有助於整體性之思考。日本最終勉為同意。

至此，部份國家對於草案提出補充意見，例如南美洲國家希望將美洲養殖中心(American Network of Aquaculture, ANA)納入，越南希望加強能力建構協助等。

(四)第二屆海洋相關部長會議之安排

各國對於未來工作計畫提出多項建議，並對此爭論不休，包括能否馬上

提出工作計畫（Work plan）？應該有幾次草案？時間如何安排？是否應該有期中會議，期中會議應該稱為 Steering committee 或 preparatory meeting？steering Committee 的組成與功能？期中會議應該討論行政安排或者實質議題？究竟該由地主國、主事國或者成立小組負責行動計畫以及議程的起草？甚至是否應該在本次會議即完成工作計畫等多項問題。各國意見分歧且顯得沒有討論焦點。

在日本堅持認為應該有具體的工作計畫才能帶回讓幕僚進行後續工作，以及紐西蘭、我國等國家的支持下，印尼開始起草工作計劃，各國並提供不同意見，主席努力居間協調，最終的工作計劃重點包括（附件 六）：

『AOMM-2 工作計畫時間表』

時間	工作項目
6 月	各國檢討行動計畫架構並向主事國提出建議
7 月	各國與各相關工作小組及地主國分享資訊
7 月上旬	議程草案初版提供各國討論
7 月第二週	印尼將 BPA 第一版提供各國及相關工作小組討論
7 月第三週	各國提出對於議程草案之意見，並召開雅加達會議 討論
8 月中旬	各國對於 BPA 草案提出意見
9 月第一週	BPA 草案第二版
峇里資深官員會議	BPA 草案最終版本
AOMM-2	通過 BPA

重要結論包括：

1. 雅加達會議僅討論會議的行政以及議程安排，是否邀請專家學者進行演講等等，不涉及實質議題。

2. 本次會議結果作為討論基本文件，各國可視需要調整或排定優先順序。
3. 印尼會將草案提供給相關的 APEC 工作小組，也會針對有回應者作調整，未回應者則視為無意見，不繼續追查。
4. 雅加達會議時間仍由印尼做最後決定。
5. 有關加拿大提議將資深官員會議延長為三天，甚至四天乙案，將由印尼帶回研議。
6. 草案以及議程將由印尼起草。加拿大則建議印尼可以尋求共同主席進行相關工作。

在討論中間，加拿大代表強勢主導，紐西蘭、澳洲及美國提供折衷意見，印尼態度顯得較為低調，包括印尼雖然極力希望在期中會議能夠討論草案的實質議題，但仍在加拿大的堅持下，使得該期中會議的定位以行政、議程安排為限。

(五)臨時動議

由於加拿大提案要求爾後每年舉辦聯席會議，引起相當大的爭論。MRCWG 主席表示過去決議每兩年辦一次，考量到地主國的經費能力等現實，本次會議中也對每年舉辦聯席會議沒有共識。美國、我國也認為由於下年度會議已經分別決定於台灣以及中國舉辦，勢必無法舉辦聯席會議，認為應留待 2007 年再安排(加拿大一度表示在 FWG 會議中對於我國舉辦下屆年會雖未反對，但表示保留)。韓國發言表示願意在 2007 年舉辦聯席會議，此番發言又引起澳洲的異議，因為韓國之前僅在 FWG 表示舉辦 2007 年年會，並未表示要舉辦聯席會議，而澳洲身為 APEC 2007 年主事國，正在積極爭取預算舉辦 MRC 年會，或者有必要可以考量舉辦聯席會議，但目前尚無法確定能否取得舉辦經費，因此對韓國的提議表示保留，認為還必須再與韓國協商。加拿大原本退而求其次，希望聯席會議能決定 2007 年以後每年舉辦聯席會議，但中國提出地主國可能有經費之限制，澳洲也認為無須急於此刻決定，因此最後主席裁示本

案無共識，將交由 2007 年年會討論。聯席會議至此結束，聯席會議紀錄如附件 七。

參、心得與建議

本次會議的氣氛因為 9 月份的第二屆海洋相關部長會議而顯得熱絡，也感受到各國對於不同議題的關注程度，由於我國已在今年正式接任為 FWG LS 並表示主辦下年度的會議，本次會議中也特別與美國、加國以及秘書處人員密切互動以了解 APEC LS 運作所須注意事項。

未來，如何加強各會員的聯繫、對於議題的深入參與以及透過計畫推動各會員之間的能力建構將是我國應該思考的重要方向。而如何能夠結合國內以及國外相關單位，協助印尼共同舉辦第二屆海洋相關部長會議將是我國屆任 LS 之後面臨的第一個挑戰。



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16th APEC Fisheries Working Group Meeting

**Phuket, Thailand
17-19 May, 2005**

Tuesday – 17 May

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| 8:30 | Registration |
| 9:00-9:45 | <p>1. <u>Opening Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Governor of Phuket Province • Introductory remarks by Lead Shepherd • Adoption of Agenda <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Consideration of Bali AOMM-2 Meeting — Joint MRCWG/ FWG Meeting • APEC Secretariat - Highlights of APEC 2004, Outlook for 2005 • Economies opening statements/comments • Report on Designation of Lead Shepherd as APEC FWG representative to FAO COFI • Suggestions and other arrangements |
| 9:45-10:15 | <p>2. <u>Workplan for Developing Recommendations to Bali AOMM- 2</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Indonesia introduces Theme: "Our Coasts, Our Oceans...An Action Plan For Sustainability" <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Balancing coastal development and resource development — Ensuring sustainable fisheries — Understanding the oceans and the seas — Economic and technical cooperation • FWG discussion of workplan |
| 10:15-10:30 | Break |
| 10:30-12:30 | <p>3. <u>Strategic Direction Session</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduction – using strategic direction to guide our work • Brief overview of approved Strategic Framework • Application to Bali AOMM-2 planning • Review Integration of Seoul Declaration, FWG strategic directions, and ECOTECH priorities • Using FWG project outcomes to achieve Sustainability, Aquaculture and Trade goals • (Develop evaluation framework, including performance measures, with analysis of past and future project lists – TBD) |
| 12:30- 14:00 | Lunch |

14:00 – 17:30
(with 15 min break)

4. Sustainability - Fisheries Management Session

- Illegal, Unreported, Unregulated Fishing
 - High Seas Task Force, FAO COFI, St. John’s High Seas Fisheries Conference
 - Regional capacity building to reduce IUU Fishing
 - Current and potential areas for APEC FWG efforts
- Ecosystem-based Management
 - FAO COFI decisions
 - Current and potential areas for APEC FWG efforts
- Tsunami response
 - Emergency task force report
 - Potential areas for APEC FWG efforts

19:00

Welcoming Dinner (FWG and MRCWG)

Wednesday - 18 May

9:00-11:15

5. Aquaculture Session

- Report on Aquaculture for the Americas project
- FAO COFI activities
- Regional capacity building for Aquaculture
 - Current and potential areas for APEC FWG efforts

11:15-11:30

Break

11:30-12:30

6. Presentation on Tsunami and rehabilitation program

12:30-1:30

Lunch

1:30 – 5:00

7. Technical Tour

Thursday – 19 May

9:00-11:00

8. Trade/ Investment Liberalization Session

- Food safety issues
 - Other market-related issues

11:15-11:30

Break

11:30-12:30

8a. Discussion of Bali AOMM-2

- Finalize key points for discussion with MRCWG

12:30-1:30

Lunch

1:30-3:30

8b. Continue Discussion of Bali AOMM-2

3:30-4:30

9. Closing of Meeting

- Approval of Report of Meeting, list of participants, and document classification
- Announcement of Venue for FWG 17
- Introduction of new Lead Shepherd
- Closing remarks from Lead Shepherd and Host

Friday – 20 May Joint Session – FWG and MRCWG

Draft Agenda
5th Joint Session of the MRCWG and FWG
Phuket, Thailand
20 May, 2005

Friday – 20 May

9:00	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by Host Economy • Introductory remarks by both Lead Shepherds • Adoption of Agenda
9:30 – 12:30 (with 15 min break)	Discussion of 2 nd Oceans Ministerial Meeting (AOMM) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • • •
12:30-14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 16:00	Continuation of discussion



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APEC Secretariat Report on APEC Developments

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**APEC Secretariat Report on APEC Developments
to the 16th Fishery Working Group meeting**

Summary of Important Points Worth Noting to Fora

- The theme for the APEC 2005 Year is “*Towards One Community: Meet the Challenge, Make the Change.*” The underlining sub-themes are Renew the Commitment to the Bogor Goals; Ensure Transparent and Secure Business Environment; and Build Bridges over Differences.
- The ECOTECH Weightings Matrix which formed part of the APEC Project Proposal Format has been replaced with the Quality Assessment Framework (QAF) for all Operational Account projects. Further information on the QAF is available in the revised 6th interim edition of the *Guidebook on APEC Projects*.
- APEC fora are advised that the APEC Support Fund has been endorsed by the BMC and is likely to be approved during SOMII. Fora are invited to submit applications for funding through the APEC Support Fund for both 2005 and 2006 projects during BMCII. Projects must be designed to building capacity for developing member economies. Please use the normal project application form to apply.
- APEC fora are reminded that the APEC SME Coordination Framework has been endorsed by Ministers. Any SMEs related projects or measures proposed by member economy or introduced to fora should be closely coordinated with that Economy SME WG Contact Person.
- APEC fora are reminded of the need to establish gender focal points and maintain records relating to gender integration activities and the implementation of the Framework for the Integration of Women in APEC.
- APEC fora are asked to review those ABAC recommendations bearing on their work, and to give them due consideration in the development of their work plans and objectives for the year.
- Fora are also asked to include in their annual reporting any actions they take that are responsive to ABAC recommendations.
- The BMC meeting for the remainder of 2005 is scheduled for 23-25 August.
- Project Overseers are reminded to submit travel undertakings at least four weeks before the meeting.
- Project Overseers are obliged to submit an Evaluation Report after completion of project within 12 weeks.
- All complete and ranked project proposals for consideration at BMC I must be received by the APEC Secretariat by **Friday 22 July 2005**.
- APEC Secretariat Communications Team can assist all APEC fora to promote the work of fora to media, business, government officials and key target audiences.

APEC Secretariat Report on APEC Developments

OVERVIEW

The work of APEC in 2005 will be guided under the theme of **“Towards One Community: Meet the Challenge, Make the Change.”**

The APEC 2004 Year had seen a high level of information exchange and cooperative policy development within APEC. Over 250 APEC-funded projects were in progress during the year. APEC’s work was also strengthened through the reformed agenda and the strong engagement of business sector. Continuous improvement helps to ensure that the APEC process remains effective, responsive and progressive within the context of its community building goals.

2004 DEVELOPMENTS

In November 2004 in Santiago, Chile the 16th APEC Ministerial Meeting (16th AMM) and the 12th APEC Economic Leaders’ Meeting (12th AELM) agreed to a number of new initiatives and reinforced ongoing work to promote free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region. Major deliverables of the year appear in the Annex.

APEC 2005 KOREA

The theme for the APEC 2005 Year is **“Towards One Community: Meet the Challenge, Make the Change”**. To give strong thrust to this theme, three sub-themes were proposed to showcase key areas where APEC needs to focus its efforts in 2005. These are

- ***Renew the Commitment to the Bogor Goals***
The year 2005 will witness another progress towards the Bogor Goals through the mid-term stock-take of its roadmap adopted in 1995. Necessary measures as a result of this mid-term review will be identified and incorporated into APEC’s future work plan which will be of utmost importance in effectively and efficiently pursuing free and open trade and investment in the region.
- ***Ensure Transparent and Secure Business Environment***
APEC will redouble its efforts in fighting for a clean and safe business environment in the Asia-Pacific region. Specifically, APEC will be in unity to strenuously fight corruption and terrorism so that it will render direct benefits for business people by lowering transaction costs.
- ***Build Bridges over Differences***
APEC members will discuss ways to facilitate community building process given diverse levels of economic development and cultural richness. On this basis, it is necessary to explore ways to promote mutual understanding through cultural exchanges and economic and technical co-operation which will eventually remove psychological and emotional barriers among the people and markets in the region thereby promoting freer trade in the region.

Within this broad theme and three sub-themes, Korea has identified the following priorities:

- *Advancing Freer Trade* - by rendering a strong political support for the WTO DDA, renew its own commitment to the Bogor Goals through the Mid-Term Stock Take (MTST) and develop a roadmap for future work plans, and enhancing APEC's leading role on trade facilitation and capacity building.
- *Fighting Corruption* – by focusing on the implementation of measures as agreed last year on Anti-Corruption agenda.
- *Sharing Prosperity of the Knowledge-based Economy: Protecting Innovation and Expanding Digital Opportunity* – by emphasising on the protection of intellectual property rights and strengthening implementation of e-APEC strategy and the commitment to achieve the Brunei Goals of internet access for all people by 2010.
- *Human Security: Counter-Terrorism, Energy Security, Health and Disaster response and Preparedness* – by redoubling its endeavour to fully implement what has been agreed upon and explore additional elements that will address human security facing APEC region. In the wake of the recent tsunami in the Indian Ocean, APEC will review and prepare its responses to possible disasters in the region including epidemic control, early warning, relief efforts and capacity building to mitigate the impact of natural disaster.
- *SMEs and Micro-Enterprises* – by promoting entrepreneurship, innovation and access to capital for SMEs which, in the APEC region, makes up 98 percent of all enterprises and provides 60 percent of private sector jobs.
- *APEC Reform* – by continuing its work program to promote effective and sustained economic and financial structure conducive to growth in the region.
- *Promoting Cross-Cultural Communications* - by strengthening the spirit of a community and removing psychological and emotional barriers among the people and markets in the region.

MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

Trade and Investment Liberalization and Facilitation (TILF)

APEC Ministers commended and endorsed the 2004 Committee on Trade and Investment (CTI) Annual Report to Ministers. While CTI is a primary vehicle for carrying forward and coordinating APEC's work on Trade and Investment Liberalisation and Facilitation (TILF), including instructions of APEC Leaders and Ministers under the guidance of Senior Officials, much of the work related to trade and investment is carried out at the Senior Officials' level.

The key TILF achievements for 2004 are highlighted below:

World Trade Organisation (WTO)

- APEC Leaders pledged to provide leadership to continue with the momentum generated in DDA negotiations from the adoption of the July package by the General Council. In particular, APEC Leaders agreed to:
 - Seek substantial results at the 6th WTO Ministerial Conference and instruct our Ministers and officials to work in earnest toward this goal;

- Contribute to the negotiations on trade facilitation by sharing their considerable experience within APEC, with the rest of the WTO and strengthening their work in this area; and
- Redouble our efforts to provide technical assistance and capacity building in a more strategic manner.

Regional Trading Arrangements/Free Trade Agreement (RTAs/FTAs)

- Ministers endorsed the “APEC Best Practices for RTAs/FTAs” which are a meaningful reference for APEC members in their RTAs/FTAs negotiations and highlighted their importance as a means to achieve high standard agreements in our region. The 4th APEC Trade Policy Dialogue on FTAs/RTAs will be held on 29 May.

Trade Facilitation

- CTI conducted a mid-term review of the APEC economies’ implementation of the 2002 Trade Facilitation Action Plan (TFAP) that showed that APEC economies are on track with implementation. APEC Ministers, pleased with the review findings, directed Senior Officials to intensify efforts to deepen the implementation of the TFAP.
- CTI organized an Expanded Dialogue on Trade Facilitation in October 2004 with the APEC Business Advisory Council (ABAC) that resulted in a commitment to work even more closely with business to strengthen and deepen the implementation of concrete trade facilitation actions and measures. APEC Ministers endorsed a series of recommendations from Dialogue (as described in Appendix I of the CTI Annual Report) and asked Senior Officials to report progress on the implementation by the 2005 MRT.
- Ministers also encouraged members to continue to identify suitable methodologies to measure benefits of trade facilitation actions and measures.

Transparency Standards

- Ministers approved a new IAP template on Transparency for reporting to the Leaders’ General Transparency Standards and revisions of the existing IAP templates for reporting to the Leaders’ area-Specific Transparency Standards. This will be used from 2005 onward.

Pathfinder Initiatives

- Ministers welcomed the adoption of the new Guidelines on Pathfinders as approved by Senior Officials. These guidelines, aimed at improving the effectiveness of Pathfinder Initiatives, will help ensure that pathfinders support the achievement of APEC’s Bogor Goals and attract the widest possible participation of APEC members economies.

Intellectual Property Rights

- Ministers agreed on the need to build on the APEC Comprehensive Strategy on Intellectual Property Rights in 2005, including to reduce piracy, trade in counterfeit goods and online piracy, and increase cooperation and capacity building.

Industry Dialogues

- Ministers encouraged other fora to use the Automotive and Chemical Dialogues as models for promoting harmonisation of standards, transparency, trade facilitation, and the identification of non-tariff measures.
- Ministers endorsed the *Strategic Plan for Promoting Life Sciences Innovation* which aims to help APEC economies to reach their full potential in researching, developing and marketing effective diagnostics, medical devices and modern and traditional medicines, and to promote cooperation in developing effective health services.

At its first meeting in February 2005, CTI has discussed and approved a shortlist of CTI priorities that will complement and contribute towards the achievement of the APEC 2005 priorities.

Human Security

In November 2004, APEC Leaders and Ministers committed further measures to implement Counter-Terrorism Action Plan and human security which include:

- Taking steps to cut off terrorists' access to the international financial system, including implementing standards and agreements on combating terrorist financing and money laundering.
- Reviewing progress on our commitments to dismantle trans-national terrorist groups, eliminate the danger posed by proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems and related items, and confront other direct threats to the security of our region in the future.
- Identifying key elements of effective export control systems, and continuing work in APEC to unite economies and the private sector to facilitate the flow of goods to legitimate end users while preventing illicit trafficking in weapons of mass destruction, their delivery systems and related items.
- Establishing guidelines on the control of Man-Portable Air Defense Systems (MANPADS), and economies committed to work individually to develop measures consistent with these guidelines and, as appropriate, with efforts taken at the United Nations, its agencies and other relevant international organizations, to prevent terrorists from obtaining and using these weapons to attack civilian aviation.
- Recognizing the need for cooperation among member economies on the supervision of imported and exported food in order to prevent and better respond to possible bio-terrorist attacks, including attacks through toxic or hazardous material in food supplies;
- Cooperating to ensure that all APEC economies will begin issuing Machine Readable Travel Documents (MRTDs), if possible with biometrics, by 2008, and, on a best endeavours basis, to accelerate replacement of Non-MRTDs by MRTDS as well as implement ICAO travel document security standards;
- Implementing existing business mobility initiatives, and welcomed efforts to implement the Advance Passenger Information (API) system and the cooperative program of Immigration Liaison Officer in the region. To pilot the RMAL in 2005 and to work on an enhanced version of the Customs Asia-Pacific Enforcement Reporting System (CAPERS) to address legal issues.

- Advancing the ongoing work in adopting all necessary steps to control the cross-border movement of dual use equipment and materials, as well as people and financial resources, involved in terrorist activities while, at the same time, enhancing the free flow of legitimate travelers, trade and investment.
- Cooperating -where appropriate and in accordance with APEC practices- with international organizations with common goals.
- Strengthening their respective economies' ability to combat cybercrime by enacting domestic legislation consistent with the provisions of international legal instruments.
- Increasing commitments, including efforts through the Health Task Force (HTF), on strengthening the public health system and enhancing public awareness to help member economies respond to regional health threats;

The CTF mandate was extended until the end of 2006.

ECOTECH

The SOM Committee on ECOTECH's (ESC) ongoing mission is to assist SOM in coordinating and managing APEC's ECOTECH agenda and identifying value-added initiatives for cooperative action. In November 2004, APEC Ministers endorsed the 2004 SOM Report on ECOTECH as well as the recommendations therein. The issues that should be of interest to APEC fora are:

- Ministers encouraged an independent assessment of working groups to ensure that their work is responsive to APEC's current priorities and contributes to the Bogor Goals. In this regard, a letter from the ESC Chair was later sent to the Lead Shepherds of the SMEWG and TWG encouraging the two working groups to undertake an independent assessment. A positive response was received from the SMEWG in May and a 2006 project proposal for an independent assessment of the SMEWG will be submitted to the BMC II in August 2005.
- Ministers approved the Quality Assessment Framework (QAF) developed by the ESC to foster good quality project proposals and to replace the existing ECOTECH Weightings Matrix with the QAF. The QAF is now part of the APEC Project Proposal Format under the 6th (Interim) edition of the Guidebook on APEC Project.
- Ministers endorsed a proposal to hold a High-Level Meeting on Sustainable Development in 2005-6. A workshop on Voluntary Initiatives for Sustainable Production, Trade and Consumption Chains under the ESC project No. 01/2005 will be held in Chile in September 2005.
- The SOM Committee on Economic and Technical Cooperation (ESC) was instructed by SOM to oversee the work to be developed by the Education Network from the Human Resources Development Working Group, so as to establish a *Strategic Action Plan for English and other Languages in the APEC Region*, with the support of all relevant fora, aimed at creating competitive human capital, and to report progress in 2005. The ESC II meeting will consider the inputs on the Strategic Action Plan and proposed to the next HRDWG Meeting to be held during 20-24 June 2005 in Thailand for consideration.
- Ministers encouraged economies and APEC fora to continue to engage IFIs in the ECOTECH and capacity building work of APEC and to develop relationships with other suitable organisations and the business sector in the year ahead.

Ministers looked forward to concrete outcomes from the Second APEC/IFIs Roundtable Dialogue on ECOTECH to be held in Korea in 2005, focusing on the areas of SMEs and education, and called for close consultation with the Finance Ministers Process. The ESC will discuss the preparations of the next APEC/IFIs Roundtable at its next meeting on 26-27 May.

- Ministers also instructed officials to consider ways to broaden APEC's funding base, and endorsed the establishment of an *APEC Support Fund (ASF)*, which could attract funds from government as well as non-government sources. A concept paper on the ASF was discussed at the last BMC I meeting in April 2005. It is expected that the ASF will be approved at SOM II.

In July 2004, the APEC Secretariat signed a Letter of Intent with the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development's Global Development and Learning Network (GDLN)¹ to implement a pilot project utilising the existing facilities of the GDLN to expand the benefit of training and seminar in APEC to a wider audience. Six projects approved by Ministers for implementation in 2005 were selected as pilot projects. To date, a positive response was received from two projects. Coordination is underway with the project overseers to implement the pilot phase. These projects are:

- SME 01/2005 – Micro and Small Enterprise Financing: a Tool for Mainstreaming the Informal Sector.
- TEL 02/2005 – Wi-Fi Connectivity in Rural and Remote Communities: Bridging the Digital Divide.

The APEC Secretariat also cooperated with the GDLN to expand the benefit of a Rural Distance Learning Course (RDLC) offered by GDLN to members of APEC at no cost. A low cost, appropriate technology and approached for Rural Distance Learning (RDL) course was provided to APEC participants during 25-28 April 2005. In total, 11 participants from Peru and 3 participants from Chile took part in the training. A CD-ROM tool kit was also provided to others who were not able to participate. It is also available at the GDLN's website at www.jointokyo.org/en/programs/rdl/.

All working groups are reminded that the Quality Assessment Framework (QAF) is now used in the APEC project proposal format instead of the ECOTECH Weightings Matrix. The QAF template as well as explanation on how to use it is contained in the 6th (interim) edition of the *Guidebook on APEC Projects* which is available in the APEC Secretariat's website. For further inquiry Project Overseers may contact the responsible Director (Program) or Mr. Soonthorn Chiayindeepum, ESC Coordinator, at sc@apec.org.

Structural Reform

Structural Reform has been recognized as one of the important tasks for all APEC member economies and APEC itself. Several APEC fora contribute to this work. These included the Finance Ministers Process, Economic Committee, Strengthening Economic Legal Infrastructure Coordinating Group, Competition Policy/Deregulation Group and Social Safety Network Capacity Building Network (SSN-CBN).

¹ See 2004 APEC Senior Officials Report on Economic and Technical Cooperation, Annex 2.

In 2004 Leaders endorsed “Leaders’ Agenda to Implement Structural Reform” (LAISR Initiative). The APEC Leaders fully recognize that structural reform improves the functioning of market and thereby enhancing living standards through raising economic efficiency and competitiveness. Leaders stressed the importance of structural reform, which requires greater synergy across APEC’s traditional approaches to a wide-ranging economic development agenda.

With a view to advancing structural reform initiatives in APEC, Leaders instructed officials to address the following priorities:

- Focus APEC’s structural reform and related work on the following areas: regulatory reform, strengthening economic legal infrastructure, competition policy, corporate governance and public sector management.
- Identify an institutional mechanism to address structural reform as a major APEC priority, in consultation with the relevant APEC fora and the Finance Ministers’ Process, in order to promote APEC’s structural reform and related activities in a more effective manner.
- Stimulate policy-oriented discussions on structural reform with a view to providing further clear guidance on APEC’s work.
- Foster understanding of the benefits of structural reform among APEC economies through better reporting process and sharing of good practices.
- Promote further capacity building, including for regulators.
- Strengthen cooperation and collaboration, where appropriate, with relevant international fora, notably the OECD, to deepen and expand structural reform related activities and measures.

On institutional mechanism, SOM agreed at CSOM in 2004 that the Economic Committee (EC) should be the responsible entity to coordinate the work on Structural Reform in APEC. A revised Terms of Reference (TOR) of the EC was endorsed at SOM I in 2005.

Small, Medium and Micro Enterprises (SMEs)

APEC Ministers in November 2004 encouraged the SMEWG to continue to improve its role in coordinating APEC’s work through the APEC SME Coordination Framework. In this regard, all SME related activities must be informed and coordinated with the SMEWG.

Highlights of the SME Coordination Framework are:

- Any **SMEs related projects** or measures proposed by member economy **should be informed to that Economy SME WG Contact Person**. In the case of project, it must be sponsored by at least 3 economies. The contact persons of each sponsoring economy should be briefed and opinions and collaboration sought from them. **Should the SME WG need to actively collaborate to the initiative, the contact person of the pertinent economy should brief the WG and ask for that contribution.**
- Any **SME related project proposals introduced to an APEC WG or Committee** (including self funded) **should specify that relevant contact persons have been informed**, and that at least the following persons have been briefed:
 - The Chair or one of the vice chairs of the SME WG;

- The SME WG contact persons of the economies sponsoring the project;
- The Director (Program) of the APEC Secretariat in charge of SMEWG; and
- When pertinent, an SME Business Organization, and relevant contacts relating to the APEC SME Business Network.
- **To include in the APEC template for projects, a space to state that these contacts have been done.**
- **The Host Economy will make its efforts to have its own contact persons in every group implementing such co-ordination.** In its own co-ordination activities the issue will be raised and contacts organized to the end of having SME initiatives given the necessary attention and co-ordination.
- **The SME WG and the SME Biz Net should be given an active role in APEC sponsored projects.**

Gender Integration

The Gender Focal Point Network (GFPN) was established by SOM to maintain the investment in gender tools, expertise and practices and to continue APEC leadership on issues that affect the economic advancement of women in the APEC region.

In 2005, the GFPN will continue to encourage other fora to have joint projects with the GFPN in areas of strategic importance to APEC; strengthening the existing coordinating mechanism to reinforce gender integration in APEC programs and activities at the economy level; discussing the need to revisit GFPN's strategy for gender integration in APEC and implementing its Work plan for 2005. The GFPN will be informed by Korea of the progress on the implementation of the *Initiative for Women's Participation in the Digital Economy*.

APEC fora are reminded of the need to establish gender focal points and maintain records relating to gender integration activities and the implementation of the Framework for the Integration of Women in APEC.

Interaction With ABAC

In its annual report to Leaders, ABAC has provided extensive recommendations, from a business perspective, pertinent to a broad range of APEC fora and issues. These recommendations provide ideas and suggestions from business as well as reflecting business priorities and concerns and should serve as a valuable resource for APEC. These recommendations were given directly to Leaders, and SOM has reaffirmed both the important role of business in APEC and APEC's commitment to be responsive to business. Also, in 2002, SOM tasked the APEC Secretariat Executive Director with reporting to ABAC on APEC actions responsive to ABAC recommendations.

In light of this, APEC Fora are asked to review those ABAC recommendations bearing on their work, and to give them due consideration in the development of their work plans and objectives for the year. Fora are also asked to include in their annual reporting any actions they take that are responsive to ABAC recommendations.

MANAGEMENT ISSUES

Budget and Management Committee (BMC) Meeting, 21-22 April 2005

The BMC has met once in 2005. The next BMC is scheduled for 23-25 August 2005.

Projects

Implementation

First, a reminder that all TILF Special Account projects can now commence from 1 January each year (or their date of approval if later).

The APEC Secretariat circulates details of all direct labour contracts above US\$50,000 to all points of contact of the relevant forum and places these details on its website. Please assist us to obtain more competitive proposals by actively passing these details to possible contractors in your economy.

Project Overseers are reminded of the need to give adequate time (at least four weeks before the meeting) to identify participants and speakers being funded to attend workshops. It can take several weeks to process their travel and for them to obtain visas, particularly if they have to transit the United States or Canada.

Project Overseers should also contact the Secretariat on a regular basis, at least once every two months for the duration of the project.

Project Evaluation Process

The *Guidebook on APEC Projects* requires every APEC forum to establish a forum small group comprising at least two members to make comments, if any, on the Evaluation Reports prepared by the Project Overseers after the completion of their projects. It is advisable to establish the forum small group on a permanent basis.

All economy delegates are encouraged also to remind Project Overseers of the mandatory submission of an Evaluation Report for each project as set out in the Guidebook. This is an integral part of implementing an APEC project. The Guidebook requires that an Evaluation Report should be submitted to the APEC Secretariat within twelve weeks (previously eight weeks) of the completion of the project with comments from the forum small group and the Chair/Lead Shepherd. All delegates are encouraged to make these requirements known as widely as possible to people/entities undertaking/related to APEC projects within each economy.

2005 Urgent projects

After approval of urgent projects for 2005 the next BMC will not be able to consider funding of further Operational Account projects for 2005. Subject to the approval of the final details of the APEC Support Fund, there may be opportunities for applications for urgent capacity- building projects from this fund. For urgent 2005 TILF Special Account projects there is still funding available of US\$1,225,182.

Each project should include a statement on the urgency; this should be related to the criteria set out in paragraph 3.9 of the 6th (interim) edition of the *Guidebook on APEC Projects*. Budgets should be carefully scrutinised to ensure that no more than necessary is requested; an element of self-funding would likely enhance the possibility of approval. For funding under the TILF Special Account careful attention must be provided to the TILF linkage; around 20% of funding for TILF projects from developing economies should be self-funded; for developed economies this should be around 50%. [Economies which contribute to the TILF fund are exempt from these requirements] Projects for funding under the Operational Account should be accompanied by a completed Quality Assessment Framework (QAF). **All projects put forward should have the active involvement of at least three economies – as proposing / co-sponsoring economy.**

Requests for urgent 2005 funding may be put forward intersessionally or at BMC II. If the latter the finalised and ranked projects should be with the APEC Secretariat by **Friday 22 July 2005**.

2006 Projects

BMC I has recommended to SOM II an Affordable Limit of Expenditure for 2006 TILF projects of US\$5,000,000- the same as for 2005. This amount may have to be reduced in subsequent years if Japan continues to reduce its contribution and other members do not provide contributions. With continued efforts to effect savings and in advance of decisions on APEC Reform the amount available for Operational Account projects for 2006 will continue at US\$2,000,000, the same as that available in 2005. The cap on funding requests from any one forum for Operational Account project funding remains in place at US\$300,000.

2006 projects will be considered at BMC II, scheduled for 23 -25 August 2005. The finalised and ranked projects should be with the APEC Secretariat by **Friday 22 July 2005**. Please note that there will likely be strong competition for funding for all projects.

There is a new simplified format for 2006 projects. This is at annex A to the 6th (interim) edition of the *Guidebook on APEC Projects*. This will be placed on the APEC website after approval from BMC expected on 9 May 2005. [The 6th edition of the *Guidebook* is expected to be approved by the AMM in November 2005]. The 6th (interim) edition of the *Guidebook* includes all the decisions made over the last year or so by BMC on project implementation: including the QAF for Operational Account projects; the requirement of three sponsoring/ co-sponsoring economies; the co-financing requirements for TILF projects; and the revision of the allowable expenses for Operational Account projects to be the same as for TILF Special Account projects.

APEC Support Fund

The APEC Support Fund has been endorsed by BMC and is expected to be formally approved by SOMII. The APEC Support Fund provides a flexible funding mechanism for helping to meet the capacity building needs of APEC developing economies in agreed priority areas. Australia is providing A\$3 million over three

years to support these activities. Other economies and interested parties are encouraged to provide further support.

Fora are invited to submit project proposals for funding under the ASF for 2005 and 2006 during BMCII. Key issues for applying for APEC Support Fund Projects:

- Applications will be submitted utilising the APEC project application form.
- No pre-set limits for self-funding are required and there are no limits on the amount of funding being sought.
- The Quality Assessment Framework will need to be completed for all projects.
- The Secretariat will check projects adherence to guidelines.

Approval is through the BMC.

FWG projects

Three project proposals sought 2005 Operational Account were submitted to the second BMC in 2004. Only two projects for OA were approved, which are FWG 02/2005 – Ecosystem Based Approach: A Comparative Assessment of the Institutional Response in Fisheries Management within APEC Economies. The Case of Demersal Fisheries (Phase I), and FWG 03/2005 – Proposal for the Establishment of a Network for Deep Sea Resources and Fisheries. Annex II is the status of reimbursement for 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005 FWG projects. Please be reminded that 2004 projects should be completed before the end of 2005. Supporting documentation for reimbursement should be submitted to the Secretariat before the end of November allowing the Secretariat to process.

Development of the SOM Tasking Database and Revamping of APEC Project Database

During ISOM 2003 Senior Officials called for the development of a database to allow SOM to manage and monitor progress achieved against tasks as set out by Leaders and Ministers.

The Secretariat presented a prototype database at SOM I 2004. In response, SOM expressed interest in a more advanced database to serve as a management tool and asked the Secretariat to prepare an options paper. This was presented at SOM II 2004 and SOM approved funding of up to US\$260,000 to develop a Task Implementation Database.

Proposed capabilities included: tracking of plans and activities, advanced sort and search functions, customized reporting, and new collaborative tools. Expected benefits from using such a management tool include: greater responsiveness to Leaders' and Ministers' directives, enhanced oversight of APEC fora and their activities, better coordination of work especially on cross-cutting issues, and reduction of redundant and inefficient work processes.

At CSOM 2004 the Secretariat presented a mocked-up version of the tasking database and was tasked to develop a functioning prototype by SOM I in March 2005. However, due to the number of unanswered questions with respect to the level of

commitment by member economies to actively update the database the Secretariat put the project on hold pending further instructions from SOM.

Currently, the Secretariat is considering options to integrate the project database into the proposed Solution Sharing Network (SSN) arrangements.

COMMUNICATIONS

In late April the Systems Analyst installed a new search engine on the APEC Website. It is currently being trialled internally and will be available to all users by the end of May. The new search engine is intended to improve your ability to find what you need on the APEC website quickly and easily.

For further information please contact Systems Analyst, Sharudin (Din) Bin Othman at sbo@apec.org.

APEC Secretariat Website Survey 2005

The revamped APEC website has been in place now for almost two years. And we thought it was time to see how users felt about the site, so we conducted a website survey during the last two weeks of April. Over 200 surveys were received, representing all economies. Results are being compiled and the analysis will be available towards the third week of May. We intend to incorporate your suggestions for improvements as budget permits. For those of you interested in the results *please contact* our Communications and Outreach Manager, Matthew Forno at mf@apec.org.

Presentation Modules

In order to present a more consistent approach to Outreach we are in the process of developing a series of Presentation Modules. These Modules incorporate video, photographs, text and charts. The *Inside APEC* Presentation Module, comprising a PowerPoint presentation and an accompanying fact sheet in Word, has been completed and is the first in a series of five planned for delivery this year. You are welcome to use these modules, and we will provide a series of relevant fact sheets, templates and User Guides for those APEC members interested in using them.

For further information please contact Communications and Outreach Manager, Matthew Forno at mf@apec.org.

The APEC Secretariat Communications Team continues to help fora to effectively promote the work of each forum to the media, business, government officials and other key target audiences. New initiatives, events, publications and projects are of interest to many audiences within and outside the APEC process and we can help you to reach these audiences. Publications advice and production services, as well as advice on APEC documentation requirements are also provided by the team.

A few specific examples of available assistance are -

Media Support

Just about all APEC events and issues are of interest to the wide range of recipients of official APEC news. This ranges from major news outlets such as CNN to industry publications and the growing number of direct APEC News recipients. As such, any event that you are involved with may be of interest to people in these news groups.

To promote the activities of your group through the media or our direct news audience please complete the APEC News Brief form. This is available from your supporting APEC Secretariat Program Director or Christopher Hawkins (ch@apec.org) at the APEC Secretariat. All we need is some simple information on your activities and we will prepare a draft news story for you to consider and present to your group.

Please note that no draft material is released until it has been cleared by the relevant Chair or official.

For further information please contact Christopher Hawkins (News Manager) ch@apec.org

APEC E-Newsletter

The APEC E-Newsletter is published quarterly and sent to a subscription database of just over 2000 journalists, business people, government officials and academics in nearly all economies. In excess of twice this number access the E-Newsletter directly through the APEC website. It is an effective vehicle for providing in-depth information on newsworthy issues to a broader audience.

The April 2005 edition is now available on the APEC Secretariat website. From this edition onwards, pdf version of the E-Newsletter is also available for download.

We can draft articles for you on newsworthy subjects. Contact us with ideas for articles as the year progresses. The tentative publication schedule for the remainder of 2005 is –

Issue 2 – July

Issue 3 – October

Issue 4 - December

View the latest issue through the APEC website, www.apec.org.

For further information please contact Matthew Forno (Communications and Outreach Manager) mf@apec.org

Business Outreach

In late March, the first business outreach relationship management mailing was sent out from the APEC Secretariat. Targeting 171 regional business associations, the mailing comprised a letter from APEC Secretariat Executive Director, Ambassador Choi Seok Young, the 2004/2005 APEC Outcomes and Outlook Publication, the APEC at a Glance Brochure and APEC post-it notes. The letter explained the program and why APEC would like to develop an on-going relationship with regional business. To date, 18 responses have been received to this mailing, representing a

10% response rate. This response rate significantly exceeds the 5% response rate we were aiming for, which is industry standard for this type of mailing.

Following up from this mailing, all 171 targeted business associations received the April E-Newsletter and will receive further e-mails from the Secretariat over the coming months. The next e-mail will be sent in June and will outline key tools and resources developed by APEC to assist regional business. Further e-mails will provide more information of relevance to business about APEC and inform businesses of selected APEC events which encourage business participation.

Three business outreach articles and one case study on Federal Express and its involvement with APEC have been developed and can be shared with any economies that express interest.

Activities within your forum, initiatives aimed at business, new publications or dialogues for business, are all of potential interest to the APEC business community. We would urge economies and fora, on an ongoing basis, to help us identify and develop stories for the business community. Please contact Mr. Scott Smith or Mr. Matthew Forno either with stories you would like to deliver to business or for materials that you may use in your own outreach efforts to business.

Contacts – Mr. Scott Smith (Program Director) sas@apec.org

Mr. Matthew Forno (Communications and Outreach Manager) mf@apec.org

Use of APEC Logo

To protect our APEC Trademark, the Secretariat will assist you to ensure that the APEC logo is reproduced correctly in your events materials or reports. Please consult your responsible Director (Program) or contact Ms. Jacqueline Tan, APEC Publishing and Corporate Affairs Manager at jt@apec.org to obtain the logo guidelines, files or certificate templates.

Publications and APEC Websites

The Secretariat will continue to provide advice on production of publications (includes project reports, proceedings) and multimedia materials.

The guidelines can be accessed via the Secretariat's website at http://www.apec.org/apec/about_apec/policies_and_procedures.html

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Meeting Documentation

APEC Secretariat Program Directors will continue to provide advice and forward relevant information on handling of documents to their respective fora prior to meetings.

The guidelines can be accessed via the Secretariat's website at http://www.apec.org/apec/about_apec/policies_and_procedures.html

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ANNEX 1

In November 2004 in Santiago, Chile the 16th APEC Ministerial Meeting (16th AMM) and the 12th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting (12th AELM) agreed to a number of new initiatives and reinforced ongoing work to promote free and open trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region. These included:

- Santiago Initiative for Expanded Trade in APEC;
- Support for the Doha Development Agenda (DDA);
- APEC Best Practices for RTAs/FTAs;
- Implementation of APEC Trade Facilitation Action Plan (TFAP);
- APEC Effectives Practices for Regulation Related to Optical Disc Production;
- Comprehensive Strategy on Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) in APEC;
- Leaders' Agenda to Implement Structural Reform (LAISR);
- Santiago Commitment to Fight Corruption and Ensure Transparency;
- New Quality Assessment Framework for APEC Projects;
- Strategic Action Plan for English and Other Languages in the APEC Region;
- Implementation of APEC Leaders' Human Security commitments;
- Initiative on "Fighting against AIDS in APEC";
- Implementation of APEC Energy Security Initiative;
- Santiago Agenda on Entrepreneurship;
- Initiative for "APEC Women's Participation in the Digital Economy";
- APEC Privacy Framework;
- APEC's Strategies and Actions Towards a Cross-Border Paperless Trading Environment and its recommendations;
- Implementation of e-APEC Strategy – progress and recommendations for further action;
- 2004 APEC International Youth Camp;
- Revitalisation of APEC cross-sectoral approach to sustainable development;
- Patagonia Declaration on Tourism in the APEC region;
- Preparations for the Mid-Term Stock Review of the Bogor Goals;

Cross-cutting Issues

- Capacity Building;
- Development of a Database on Implementation of APEC Commitments;
- Interaction with APEC Stakeholders; and
- APEC Reform.

**Fisheries Working Group (FWG)
Project Budget Status**

As of May 2005

		Project Code	Project Proponent	Budget Approved	Total Disbursement	Balance	Remarks
<u>2002 Projects</u>							
1	Capacity and Awareness Building on Import Risk Analysis for Aquatic Animals	FWG 01/2002	Thailand	116,500.00	77,475.29	39,024.71	Ex-gratia payment approved at the last BMC Meeting (21-22 April 2005)
2	Developing Industry Standards for the Live Reef Food Fish Trade	FWG 02/2002	USA	86,413.00	46,000.00	40,413.00	Ex-gratia payment approved at the last BMC Meeting (21-22 April 2005)
<u>2003 Projects</u>							
1	Sharing Knowledge During the International Conference on Governance of Deep-Sea Fisheries (New Zealand, December 2003)	FWG 02/2003	Peru	43,000.00	15,833.32	27,166.68	Ex-gratia payment approved at the last BMC Meeting (21-22 April 2005)
2	Derelict Fishing Gear and Related Debris: An Educational Outreach Seminar Among APEC Partners	FWG 03/2003	USA	17,500.00	16,827.54	672.46	Closed.

3	FWG Workshop: Current Situation and Market Perspectives for Aquaculture Products	FWG 01/2003T	Peru	68,140.00	46,537.16	21,602.84	Ex-gratia payment approved at the last BMC Meeting (21-22 April 2005)
<u>2004 Projects</u>							
1	A Feasibility Study on the Establishment of an Inter-Governmental Mechanism for the Development and Management of an Aquaculture Network in the Americas	FWG 01/2004	USA	62,000.00	2638.75	39,515.51	
2	FWG Workshop : Sustainable Fisheries Development in the region	FWG 02/2004	Viet Nam	76,420.00	0.00	76,420.00	Secretariat sent a reminder on to PO and request for any information on the progress of project. No reply to date
3	Auditor Training and Certification	FWG 01/2004T	USA	67,860.00	0.00	67,860.00	
<u>2005 Projects</u>							
1	Ecosystem Based Approach: A Comparative Assessment of the Institutional Response in Fisheries Management within APEC Economies. The Case of Demersal Fisheries (Phase I)	FWG 02/2005	Chile	18,500.00	0.00	18,500.00	
2	Proposal for the Establishment of a Network for Deep Sea Resources and Fisheries	FWG 03/2005	Peru	34,200.00	0.00	34,200.00	



Asia-Pacific
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2005/FWG/029

Agenda Item: 1

Opening Statement: Chinese Taipei

Purpose: Information
Submitted by: Chinese Taipei



16th Fisheries Working Group Meeting
Phuket Thailand
17 – 19 May 2005

Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
16th Meeting of the Fisheries Working Group
Phuket, Thailand - May 17th – 20th
Opening Statement of Chinese Taipei

Mr. Chairman, distinguished delegates, ladies and gentlemen

On behalf of delegation of Chinese Taipei, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lead Shepherd, Mr. Tinkham for careful planning and preparations for this annual meeting, and also thank the Royal Thai government for their hospitality and excellent arrangements.

Since tuna fishery is one of Chinese Taipei's important global business. To meet the objective of sustainable utilization, Chinese Taipei has recently been not only strengthening our information exchange and cooperation with regional fisheries management organizations, such as ICCAT, IATTC, CCSBT, ISC and WCPFC, but also taking measures in the light of the principles of Code of Conduct for Responsible Fisheries.

In line with FAO International Plan of Action for the Management of Fishing Capacity, Chinese Taipei has implemented fishing vessels buyback program since 1990. In fact, this year, Chinese Taipei will reduce total 73 large scale tuna vessels in order to show our commitments in cooperating with the international communities. The outcomes from the FAO COFI 26 reports and 2005 Rome Declaration on IUU fishing are paying considerable attentions by Chinese Taipei. In addition, to be consistent with the shark conservation and management measures of IPOA, Chinese Taipei in recent years has actively promoted whale shark management measures. At the same time, we have also been strengthening whale shark scientific research and implementing the "whale shark international research project". We welcome all member economies to join in this project, and we believe through international cooperation, it is helpful to conserve whale sharks within APEC region and improve whale shark scientific research.

Chinese Taipei has a quite long history in aquaculture. After experiencing the period of fast growing, Chinese Taipei's aquaculture has been marching towards the stage of sustainable development, and the management of aquaculture is essential for the harmonization with the environment. Recently, the management system for quality and hygienic practice of aquaculture products in accordance with international standards has been established in Chinese Taipei. We have encouraged all aquaculture farms to meet the requirements and to be qualified and registered as "Good Practice

Aquaculture Farms” so that the precautionary monitoring system for the environment, fish disease and marketing can be applied.

APEC FWG has played an important role as a platform of exchanging views covering fisheries issues in the region for a long time. Chinese Taipei is expecting to see the function of FWG be successfully exercised together with MRC WG in terms of the preparatory works for the upcoming AOMM2.

In closing, I would like to thank again the United States, Canada, New Zealand and Thailand for their efforts made this meeting possible. Wishing you good health and successful business.

Thank you for your attention.



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2005/MRCWG/038
Agenda Item: 21

Summary of suggestions for Potential Discussion at the AOMM2

Purpose: Consideration
Submitted by: MRCWG Lead Shepherd



Marine Resource Conservation Working Group
Phuket, Thailand
17 -19 May 2005

Summary of suggestions for Potential Discussion at the AOMM2

A number of economies noted that the key for AOMM2 is to actually assist with implementing marine priorities, many of which are already clear from AOMM1. An effective implementation plan is needed, spelling out specific practical actions. And as APEC is an economic organization, an economic context is required.

The working group discussed a range of ideas to address the question – what projects/actions are required? What concrete actions can ministers promote?

Suggestions included:

On the topic of Introduced Marine Pests, recommendations for practical action have already been developed through the MRCWG project. We need to examine these and pick the key ones for consideration. Examples could be:

- projects to achieve better science by commissioning studies of biodiversity and training people in surveying and identifying port biodiversity
- a project to study shipping routes in the region that lead to risks of transfer of IMPs via hull fouling
- a project to assist economies to implement the IMO ballast water convention
- a project to identify deballasting sites
- development of an “economic toolkit” to accurately establish the costs of IMP incursions.

On the topic of Marine Debris, recommendations for practical action have already been developed through the FWG project. We need to examine these and pick the key ones for consideration.

On the topic of Land-based pollution a suggestion was an APEC project on economic/market instruments that encourage GPA implementation and outcomes, and promote the domestic development of NPAs.

On the topic of better integrated marine policy and management

- the importance of the MRCWG project to establish the Economic valuation of the marine environment was reaffirmed. We need consistent data on economic values / costs / benefits of various marine sectors / impacts / threats. The project will benefit from Ministerial support and momentum as some significant effort may be required to obtain and analyze the relevant data.
- a suggestion was made for a scientific workshop to develop an agreed set of factors to be applied in defining marine ecosystems.

On the topic of Oceans observing systems it was suggested that a tangible and positive result would be achieving regional ocean observing and research, including real-time, open and free data sharing.

Linked to the above is the issue of disaster preparedness including for tsunami and severe weather events. Ideas included making use of the US-led Workshop on a Multi-hazard network for disaster preparedness; and making use of Pacific expertise including the regional node in Hawaii.

The topic of climate change as a threat to coastal communities and ecosystems was raised, and suggestions for action included:

- work to assist implementation of major international instruments
- a project to study the economic impacts of climate change

A range of other issues were also discussed although specific suggestions for projects or concrete actions are yet to be developed. For example:

On the topic of training and capacity building the example of AMETEC was considered and ideas for applying the AMETEC model for other marine issues were discussed.

On the topic of marine and coastal management the need to strengthen management capacity was identified, including: habitat preservation and restoration; links to disaster preparedness and response; preservation of underwater heritage; marine environmental quality; marine pollution; aquaculture/animal health; and the conservation of marine biodiversity.

On the topic of Information Exchange and Technical Co-operation improved mechanisms are required.

Second APEC Oceans Ministerial

Working towards a
Bali Plan of Action

Healthy Oceans and Coasts For Sustainable Growth and Prosperity, and to Strengthen the Asia Pacific Community

Joint Meeting of the Fisheries Working Group/Marine Resources Conservation
Group
May 20, 2005

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Structure/Status of this Presentation

- First 11 slides are contextual
- They lay out -- and then build on -- proposed sub-themes for AOMM. Additional slides add "storyline" to each sub-theme.
- Presentation concludes with 5 proposed *Action Slides* – one for each sub-theme – which might comprise a basis for building a formal *Plan of Action* .
- Accommodates FWG and MRC goals, plus ECOTECH suggested by developing economies.
- FWG/MRC have agreed "in principle" to the 3 themes and sub-themes presented herein, subject to further refinement after consultations in government and other APEC fora.
- Potential "action slides" are an informal and initial "shopping list" of possible actions, to be further developed, and then prioritized to determine items ready for Ministerial endorsement in a formal *Plan of Action*.
- The final Plan of Action will be negotiated in September in Bali after further refinement in July and August 2005

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Goal: Balancing Conservation and Sustainable Use

- Providing for economic growth while ensuring environmental and resource sustainability
- Enabling integrated management frameworks and initiatives
- Key role for APEC advantage of technical assistance and sharing of best practice

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Requires:

- **Building upon the 2001 Seoul Oceans Declaration**
- Consistency with global legal and other frameworks (e.g., UNCLOS, UNFA, Compliance Agreement, CCRF, CBD, IMO, WTO, CITES, WSSD, Millennium Goals)
- Use of best science/information
- Complete and predictable regulatory frameworks
- Enforcement and monitoring
- Capacity-building/technical transfer
- National and regional actions

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Balancing Conservation and Sustainable Use

Three proposed Sub-themes

1. Ensuring sustainable marine resources and environment
 - Understanding oceans, seas and coasts
 - Managing for marine environmental sustainability
 - Managing for sustainability of living resources
 2. Providing for Sustained Economic Benefits from Oceans
 3. Enabling Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities
 4. [Possible other (TBD based on further consultation)]
- Economic and Technical Cooperation to achieve each goal

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Understanding Oceans, Seas and Coasts

- Improved research on fish stocks, ecosystems, other oceans resources and the marine environment
- Understanding the coastal zone
- Surveying and identifying port biodiversity
- Delineating and understanding ecologically significant areas and vulnerable ecosystems
- Understanding the impact of human activities, including fishing, on ecosystems and the marine environment
- Understanding the effects of climate change on oceans and coasts in the Asia-Pacific
- Other?

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Managing for Marine Environmental Sustainability

- Improve Coastal Zone Management
- Ensure sustainable aquaculture practices
- Improve management of impacts of human activities on the marine environment
- Prevent introduction of invasive species
- Reduce marine debris/derelict fishing gear
- Reduce both marine and land-based pollution
- MPAs and other area-based measures to protect vulnerable ecosystems
- Adaptation and mitigation strategies for events related to climate change, especially in SIDS
- Other?

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Managing for sustainability of living resources

- EEZ/national competence
 - Update/establish fisheries management policies (including Precautionary Approach, ecosystems approaches, method controls, MCS)
 - Implement Codes of Conduct for responsible harvesting/production
 - Enable small-scale fisheries, and integrate into management regimes
 - Managing impacts of fishing, aquaculture and other activities on biodiversity
 - Eliminating IUU fishing
 - Other?
- High Seas/duty to cooperate
 - Cooperate to strengthen the governance of RFMOs
 - Cooperate to increase coverage of RFMOs (where gaps exist)
 - Increased use of VMS and stronger International MCS Network
 - Managing fishing overcapacity, including subsidies to vessel construction
 - Eliminating IUU fishing
 - Managing the impacts of fishing and other activities on biodiversity
 - Other?

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Providing for Sustained Economic Benefits from Oceans

- Enabling sustainable aquaculture/building consumer confidence
- Enabling small-scale fisheries and aquaculture, and facilitating their entry into supply and trade, as relevant
- Improved/harmonized post-harvest standards/practices to meet international standards
- Enabling a fair trading environment
 - Enabling greater market access, globally and in FTAs/RTAs
 - Transparency and trade facilitation
- Eliminate criminal corruption that undermines fisheries management and fair trade
- Stable business and investment environment
- Education and training in fisheries and marine industries
- Strategic relationships with private sector
- Other?

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Enabling Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities

- Establish Tsunami early warning and readiness
 - Tsunami warning systems
 - Oceans Observations systems including GEOSS
- Tsunami Recovery and Rehabilitation
 - Re-establishing sustainable fishing effort
 - Coastal zone environmental rehabilitation
- Integrated Management of the Coastal Zone
- Understanding impacts and needs for adaptation to Climate Change
- Other?

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Moving to Build a Bali Plan of Action

- Following a restatement of the proposed themes, subsequent slides show possible inventories of Action Items/commitments linked to context presented above
- Sub-themes provide structure to possible Plan of Action, and could also guide the agenda for Ministerial discussions
- Attached list of possible actions can be expanded, refined, prioritized in months prior to Bali before arriving at agreed items ready for Ministerial consideration and endorsement
- Final Action Plan to be finalized Bali, September, 2005

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Balancing Conservation and Sustainable Use

Three proposed Sub-themes

1. Ensuring sustainable marine resources and environment
 - Understanding oceans, seas and coasts
 - Managing for marine environmental sustainability
 - Managing for sustainability of living resources
 2. Providing for Sustained Economic Benefits from Oceans
 3. Enabling Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities
 4. [Possible other (TBD based on further consultation)]
- Economic and Technical Cooperation to achieve each goal

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Possible Actions Related to Understanding Oceans, Seas and Coasts

- Specific science projects/initiatives including on EBM?
- Criteria to define marine eco-systems
- Commission studies or train people in surveying and identifying port biodiversity
- Oceans Observing Systems enabled through regional ocean observing and research, including sharing of info,
- Understanding and capacity re Marine Environmental Quality (MEQ)
- Capacity building/Ecotech
- Risk analysis re Climate change?
- Other?

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Possible Actions Related to Managing for Marine Environmental Sustainability

- Economic valuation of marine environment
- Market instruments to enable GPA implementation (Land-based Pollution)
- Marine pollution initiatives
- Promote domestic development of NPOAs on GPA
- Implement measures to protect reefs (LRFFT/aquarium eco labelling project)
- Prevent Introduced marine pests:
 - ID shipping routes that lead to risk of IMP through hull fouling;
 - Assist economies to implement IMO Ballast Water convention;
 - Identify deballasting sites; or
 - “economic toolkit to accurately establish costs of IMP incursion.
- Marine debris – proposals from previous FWG project
- Initiatives related to establishment of network of MPAs (linked to WSSD)
- Other Capacity building initiatives

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Other?

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Possible Actions Related to Managing for Sustainability of Living Resources

- Ratify UNCLOS, UNFA, Compliance Agreement, and effectively implement provisions nationally and in RFMOs
- APEC members to become a party to -- or a cooperating non-member of -- all relevant RFMOs, and help in their establishment (do we name specifics i.e., new proposed South Pacific?)
- Suggested target dates for completion of NPOAs (capacity, IUU, Sharks, Seabirds)
- Determined application of FAO guidelines on bycatch (e.g., turtles)
- Launch permanent Regional MCS Network in support of eliminating IUU
- High Seas Vessel register/data base in support of eliminating IUU
- Outreach workshops for industry regarding resource stewardship and other best practices
- Specific initiative regarding reducing fishing overcapacity
- Capacity building initiatives
- Other?

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Possible Actions relating to Providing for Sustained Economic Benefit from Oceans

- Explicit statement of support for WTO/DOHA negotiations
- Stocktaking of emerging commitments regarding fisheries and fish products in APEC FTAs and RTAs and related cooperation agreements
- Other trade facilitation initiatives?
- Launch Aquaculture Network of the Americas (ANA) and implement its proposed Action Plan
- Aquaculture/animal health
- Enabling cooperative/joint ventures/partnership arrangements and supply chains for small scale fisheries
- Exchange of information/best practices in post-harvest to help meet international standards
- Strategic relationships with private sector
- Education and Training?
- An anticorruption initiative?
- Other?

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Possible Actions Related to Enabling Sustainable Development of Coastal Communities

- Make use of results from Multi-hazard Network for disaster preparedness
- Make use of Pacific expertise in regional node in Hawaii re disaster preparedness
- Assist implementation of major international instruments re mitigation of Climate change
- Economic impacts of Climate Change (risk analysis, adaptation?)
- Strengthen management capacity for marine and coastal management including habitat restoration and restoration, links to disaster preparedness and response, preservation of underwater heritage
- Build regional capacity to address marine resource use/coastal hazards, through comprehensive regional approach using networks (govt, community, academic, private sector)
- IM projects?
- Identification of impact of globalization (free trade) on fishermen
- Ensuring contribution of food security and livelihoods of fishermen and communities
- Outreach efforts?
- Gender initiative?

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2nd APEC OCEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING

Bali, Indonesia

PROPOSED TIME SCHEDULE

- June	Dateline comments from economies on the framework and background docs and identification of priorities and ideas for specific action items (to the LSs, copy to economies & APEC Sect.)
- July	Sharing information – incl. SOD stocktake between WGs and Host Economy
- Early July	1 st Draft Agenda for the SOM and 2 nd AOMM for comments
- 2 nd Week of July	1 st draft of BPA (by Indonesia and distributed to member economies and other related APEC fora for comments)
- 3 rd Week of July	Dateline comments on the 1 st draft Agenda and Jakarta Meeting (26-27 July- <i>pending Gov't of Ind's decision</i>)
- Mid August	Dateline comments from economies and other APEC fora on draft BPA
- 1 st Week of Sept	2 nd draft of BPA
- Bali SOM	Final draft of BPA
- 2 nd AOMM	Final BPA

5TH JOINT MEETING OF MRCWG AND FWG
PHUKET, THAILAND
MAY 20TH, 2005

This Joint Meeting was held following the 18th Annual Meeting of the MRCWG and the 16th Annual Meeting of the FWG which took place in parallel sessions during 17-19 May, 2005.

The 5th Joint Meeting was co-chaired by Donna Petrachenko, Lead Shepherd of the MRCWG, and Stetson Tinkham, Lead Shepherd [Outgoing] of the FWG. The meeting was attended by delegations from sixteen economies, namely: Australia; Brunei Darussalam; Canada; Chile; People's Republic of China; Hong Kong, China; Indonesia; Japan; Republic of Korea; New Zealand; Peru; Republic of the Philippines; Chinese Taipei; Thailand; United States of America and Viet Nam. James Sha, Lead Shepherd [Incoming] of the FWG, and Timothy Hsiang, APEC Program Director, also attended.

1. Introduced Marine Pests – Australia provided a brief update on the MRCWG project. It was recognized that the topic of introduced marine pests was referred to in the Leaders' Statement following their meeting ending the Chile Year 2004. It was also mentioned that Phil Burgess [Australia] and Alex Brown [Chile] will represent the MRCWG at the APEC-SOM level project on Invasive Alien Species being facilitated currently by the USA and PR China.
2. Marine Debris – Derelict Fishing Gear – The Lead Shepherd, FWG provided a brief update on the FWG project.
3. APEC Small and Medium Enterprises Working Group (SMEWG) – The Thailand delegate to the SMEWG provided a brief presentation on their activities and relevance to the MRCWG and FWG. The SMEWG provides the foundation for other APEC Working Groups to coordinate and integrate SME concerns into their own individual agendas and work programs.

The presenter emphasized the need for other working groups to cooperate and consult with the SMEWG. Useful actions could include information exchange, mutual attendance at group meetings, and identifying opportunities for joint activities.

4. MRCWG Suggestions for Potential Discussion at AOMM-2 – The Lead Shepherd provided a summary of discussions which had been undertaken during the previous days at the 18th Annual Meeting of the MRCWG. A 2-page summary is attached.

5. FWG Framework Towards the Bali Action Plan – Canada provided a summary of discussions which had been undertaken during the previous days at the 16th Annual Meeting of the FWG. A document was provided to participants upon which to focus discussion. The document was updated by Canada [during the day] following suggestions by participants. This updated document is attached. Participants agreed that the document provides a good reference upon which to continue discussions intersessionally for further development of the AOMM-2 agenda and the eventual Bali Plan of Action.

With the endorsement of delegates, both Lead Shepherds agreed to participate in the advisory process for the AOMM-2.

6. Schedule of Key Activities for AOMM-2 – Delegates developed an agreed upon time schedule of key activities building towards the September 2005 AOMM-2 being held in Bali, Indonesia. A 1-page document is attached.
7. Additional Business
 - Lead Shepherd's indicated that PR China has offered to host the 19th Annual Meeting of the MRCWG in 2006; and Chinese Taipei has offered to host the 17th Annual Meeting of the FWG in 2006.
 - In recognition of the current Joint MRCWG/FWG Meeting Policy¹, it was agreed that the next Joint Meeting of the MRCWG/FWG is expected to take place in 2007.
 - Participants agreed to discuss the Joint Meeting Policy at their individual 2006 annual meetings.
 - It was noted with appreciation that Republic of Korea has offered to host a Joint Meeting in 2007 however, in view of the APEC 2007 Year being held in Australia, Australia may also be considering a similar offer. Both Republic of Korea and Australia were asked to discuss this matter bilaterally with a view to having one of the economies offer to host the 2007 meeting.
 - Indonesia agreed to consider ways to engage private enterprise and civil society in the AOMM-2. Indonesia also committed to redouble efforts to engage other APEC fora in the AOMM-2.
 - Economies agreed to further consider the documents attached to this meeting record and provide Lead Shepherds with their domestic priorities and ideas for specific action items, during June 2005. Lead Shepherds will combine the inputs and share the information with economies during early July.

¹ It was agreed at Hong Kong, China in 2001 to hold both the MRCWG and FWG annual meetings at the same location each two-years so that a Joint Meeting of the working groups could also be held following the individual annual meetings.

July 12th, 2005

- Canada agreed to assist Indonesia with the development of the agenda for the Jakarta Meeting which is currently scheduled to take place 26-27 July 2005.
- The meeting adjourned following both Lead Shepherds thanking the host economy Thailand, for facilitating this 5th Joint Meeting of the MRCWG and the FWG.

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