

Ministry of Fisheries

December Newsletter



CEO's OFFICE

The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Dr Tu'ikolonga Halafihi, Deputy CEO for Compliance Division, Mr Poasi Ngaluafu, Legal Officer Ms Salote Koloamatangi and Fisheries Officer Ms Losilini Loto'ahia attended the Fisheries Forum Agency WCPFC Working Group at Honiara. This opportunity included the Interseasonal Meeting to further progress the Draft Bridging CMM on Tropical Tunas, Finance and Administration Committee and the Heads of Delegation and the Fourteenth Regular Session of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stock in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

CORPORATE SERVICE DIVISION (CSD)

The Ministry of Fisheries received the official advise from PSC on PMS results for staffs for Financial Year 2016/17. This opportunity enabled staffs to enquire a lot on the outcome towards queries for Deputy CEO - CSD Mr Vili-mo Fakalolo to progress at the next PMS sub committee.

FISHERIES MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION (FMDD)

Fisheries Officer Mr. Fotuika Vailea undertook data collection at outer islands towards the Market research plan for Pearl products at Vava'u. This is aimed to increase more opportunities for our local Pearl farmers.

FISHERIES SCIENCE DIVISION (FCD)

Deputy CEO, Dr. Siola'a Malimali and Fisheries Officer Ms Hulita Fa'anunu attended the first SPC Regional Technical Meeting on Coastal Fisheries at Noumea. Fisheries staffs at Vava'u Mr. 'Ioane, Mr. 'Aisea and Viliani 'Ofa where in 'Umuna island of Vava'u to prepare lines and rafts towards planting of seaweeds. This opportunity will enable ease of access to monitoring the seaweeds and support the sustainable use of marine resources, diversification of livelihood and businesses including development of aquaculture farming.

END OF YEAR FUNCTION FOR 2017

Our Ministry held its End of Year Function for 2017 in reporting to the Hon. Minister Semisi Fakahau, key Stakeholders and the people of Tonga through television with Tonga Broadcasting Commission. Individual Divisions including the CEO's office reported on achievements for 2017. The function included remarks from the Hon. Minister Semisi Fakahau, representatives of the National Fisheries Committee, farewell for our Japan volunteer Mr Ry for his great contributions to our Aquaculture Section and blessings from Reverend Mafi of FWC Fua'amotu airport and its choir.

Fishing you a Merry Christmas!!!

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