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To All Federations affiliated

Dear Presidents of the FIPSed member federations, Dear anglers,

in this difficult moment, where no one can see the end of this pandemic, any decisions taken until now as well as any other that we are approaching to take, hence cancelling, postponing or confirming our championships, could not be the right ones.

The decisions taken until now, as it was easy to preview, did register many consents and, of course, some opposite reactions. Considering that at the moment this pandemic is still booming in most of the nations and contagions are now worldwide, the majority of the Steering Committee of FIPSed has decided to make the following decisions:

- a) Carnivorous Artificial Baits from Shore World Championship Portugal 25 and 26 April
 In 2020 the Championship has been cancelled and postponed to next year, however, confirming the organization to the same Federation, provided it agrees to organize next year; otherwise the Championship will be assigned to Bulgaria as per calendar 2021;
- b) **Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs** Bulgaria 30 and 31 May The Championship is postponed until October 24 and 25 confirming the organization of the Championship itself to Bulgaria in Plovdiv at the Rowing Canal;
- c) **Disabled, Veterans and Masters Coarse Angling World Championships** Slovenia 6 and 7 June The Championship is postponed to 16 and 17 October, confirming the organization of the Championship itself to Slovenia in Radece at the Sava River;
- d) Trout with Natural Baits World Championships for Nations and for Clubs France 20 and 21 June In 2020 the Championship was cancelled and postponed until next year, but the organization of the Championship was confirmed to the Federation itself, provided that it agrees to organize next year; otherwise the Championship will be awarded to Croatia according to the 2021 calendar;
- e) Coarse Angling World Championship for Club Serbia 27 and 28 June The Championship is cancelled or postponed until a date to be set. In case the Championship could be recovered, the organization will be assigned to the same Federation and will be played in the same city and venue. In case there is no possibility to recover it, the Championship will be cancelled and postponed until next year, but confirming the

- organization to the same Federation, provided that it agrees to organize next year; otherwise the Championship will be assigned to Belgium as per calendar 2021;
- f) **Feeder Fishing World Championship for Nations** France 11 and 12 July The Championship is cancelled or postponed to the date, country, city and competition venue to be destined, in case there is a chance to recover it. In case there is no possibility of a recovery, the Championship will be cancelled and postponed until next year, but confirming the organization to the same Federation, provided that it agrees to organize next year; otherwise the Championship will be assigned to Ukraine as per calendar 2021;
- g) **European Coarse Angling Championship** Portugal 25 and 26 July In 2020 the Championship has been cancelled and postponed to next year, however, confirming the organization to the same Federation, provided it agrees to organize next year; otherwise the Championship will be assigned to Hungary as per calendar 2021;
- h) U15 U20 and U25 Coarse Angling World Championships Hungary 8 and 9 August In 2020 the Championship has been cancelled and postponed to next year, however, confirming the organization to the same Federation, provided it agrees to organize next year; otherwise the Championship will be assigned to Slovenia as per calendar 2021.

 The FIPSed Steering Committee also considered the issue of age limits for young people. In fact, it may be that a young angler who has been selected to participate in a World Championship (U15 U20 or U25) in 2020 no longer fulfils the age conditions in 2021. It is obvious that for this young angler it will be a great disappointment to no longer be able to participate in his team. On the other hand, some small federations might have problems replacing this angler with another. For these reasons, in 2021 Youth (U15 U20 U25) World Championships, anglers who fulfilled the age conditions in 2020 will be accepted;
- i) **Ladies Carp Fishing World Championship** England from 2 to 4 September In 2020 the Championship has been cancelled and postponed to next year, however, confirming the organization to the same Federation, provided it agrees to organize next year; otherwise the Championship will be assigned to another nation.

With regard to the other Championships in the 2020 calendar, the Steering Committee of FIPSed has decided that for the time being these will be confirmed, reserving the right to take further and different decisions in case the pandemic situation caused by the Coronavirus has not ended and still causes damage to the health of participants and organizers. For this reason, the Steering Committee of the FIPSed reserves the right to issue an official statement on May 15, regarding the holding of the following championships:

- a) **Coarse Angling World Championship for Ladies** Netherlands 22 and 23 August Almere on the Lage Vaart;
- b) **Coarse Angling World Championship for Nations** Italy 12 and 13 September Peschiera del Garda on the Mincio River:
- c) Carp Fishing World Championship for Nations Ukraine from 23 to 25 September Oblas Prylbychi on the Trident Lake;
- d) Carnivorous Artificial Bait Boat Angling World Championship Poland from 8 to 10 October Warsaw on the Zegrzynski Lake;

- e) **Disabled Veterans and Masters Coarse Angling World Championships** Slovenia 16 and 17 October Radece on the Sava River;
- f) **Feeder Fishing World Championship for Clubs** Bulgaria 24 and 25 October Plovdiv on the Canal Rowing;
- g) Feeder Fisheries World Championship Hungary 7 and 8 November;
- h) **Black Bass World Championship** USA from 19 to 21 November Columbia on the Murray Lake.

Hoping to meet you on the competition venue as soon as possible, we apologize for all the inconveniences, but the health of us all and the protection of more vulnerable persons must be our first priority.

Best regards.

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