



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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NPFC CIRCULAR #006/2020 – APPLICATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO ACCEDE TO THE NPFC CONVENTION

Subject: APPLICATION OF THE EUROPEAN UNION TO ACCEDE TO THE NPFC CONVENTION

Attachment: Letter to the Chairman and Fishery Plan for Chub Mackerel

Dear Members:

The European Union (EU) has submitted an application to accede to the NPFC Convention through a letter from Ms. Veronika Veits, Director, and have included an updated fisheries plan and impact assessment for chub mackerel fishery as attached.

In accordance with our Convention article 24, after the entry into force of this Convention, the Contracting Parties may, by consensus, invite to accede to this Convention: (a) other States or regional economic integration organizations whose fishing vessels wish to conduct fishing activities for fisheries resources in the Convention Area; and (b) other coastal States of the Convention Area.

In accordance with paragraph 10 of the 5th Commission Meeting Report this application and accompanying documents shall be forwarded to the Members and representatives for SC and TCC as well as other subsidiary bodies for inter-sessional review and recommendations prepared for the final discussion and decision under Agenda Item 2, Membership to the Commission, at the 6th Commission meeting in Sapporo, Japan during 20-22 June 2020.

10. The Commission invited the EU to submit an application for accession to the Commission prior to its next meeting with the information requested by Russia and other Members, and that this application allow time for consideration by the SC, TCC, and any other appropriate subsidiary bodies. The Commission tasked the SC, the TCC, and any of their relevant subsidiary bodies to review the application provided by the EU and to provide any comments to the Commission for its consideration.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, sweeping loop followed by a smaller, more intricate flourish.

Dr. Vladimir Belyaev
Chairman of the Commission