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**North Pacific Fisheries Commission
8th Scientific Committee Meeting
15-16, 18-19 December 2023
Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada**

Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

- 1.1 Welcome Address and Introductions
- 1.2 Appointment of Rapporteur
- 1.3 Meeting Arrangements

Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda Item 3. Review of NPFC Performance Review (NPFC PR) Panel Recommendations

- 3.1 Overview of key recommendations for SC over short term (next 1-5 years)

Agenda Item 4. Review of reports and recommendations from the Technical Working Group on Chub Mackerel Stock Assessment (TWG CMSA) and the Small Scientific Committees (SSC BF-ME and SSC PS)

- 4.1 Technical Working Group on Chub Mackerel Stock Assessment
- 4.2 SSC on Bottom Fish and Marine Ecosystems
- 4.3 SSC on Pacific Saury

Agenda Item 5. Report and recommendations from the Joint SC-TCC-COM Small Working Group on Management Strategy Evaluation for Pacific Saury (SWG MSE PS)

Agenda Item 6. Other priority species

- 6.1 Summary of progress on the remaining four priority species
 - 6.1.1 Neon flying squid
 - 6.1.2 Japanese sardine
 - 6.1.3 Japanese flying squid
 - 6.1.4 Blue mackerel
- 6.2 Species summaries
 - 6.2.1 Review of priority species summaries

- 6.2.2 Potential additions
- 6.3 Changes to common and scientific species names
- 6.4 Domestic stock assessments of NFS, JFS, JS, and BM
- 6.5 Key milestones to achieve for NPFC stock assessment and provision of management advice
- 6.6 Future roles and activities of SWG NFS, SWG JFS, SWG JS, and SWG BM
 - 6.6.1 Potential establishment of a new formal SC subsidiary body to focus on NFS
 - 6.6.2 Scientific project(s) to support CPUE standardization and assessment of NFS
 - 6.6.3 Virtual or in-person meetings

Agenda Item 7. Climate Change

- 7.1 Climate change effects on NPFC's priority species and associated ecosystems
 - 7.1.1 Current knowledge
 - 7.1.2 Ongoing research activities
 - 7.1.3 Research priorities and potential scientific projects

Agenda Item 8. Data Collection and Management

- 8.1 Data Management System
- 8.2 NPFC Data Sharing and Data Security Protocol
 - 8.2.1 Revision of Regulations for Management of Scientific Data and Information
- 8.3 Data needs, data gaps and strategies to fill gaps
 - 8.3.1 Information about species belonging to same ecosystem or dependent/associated with target stocks
 - 8.3.2 Potential roles of regional observer program and/or e-monitoring

Agenda Item 9. Scientific projects for 2024 and 2025

- 9.1 Ongoing/planned projects
- 9.2 New projects
 - 9.2.1 Potential project(s) for PS
 - 9.2.2 Potential project(s) for CM
 - 9.2.3 Potential project(s) for NPA and SA
 - 9.2.4 Potential project(s) for NFS
 - 9.2.5 Other potential projects
- 9.3 Review, prioritization and funding of projects

Agenda Item 10. Cooperation with other organizations

- 10.1 Reports on the joint NPFC-PICES activities since the SC07 meeting, including a report from the PICES Secretariat

10.2 SC representation at scientific meetings

10.2.1 SC representation in the joint PICES/ICES Working Group on Small Pelagic Fish (WGSPF)

10.2.2 Report on PICES' topic session on VMEs and Seamounts

10.2.3 Selecting SC representatives to PICES 2024

10.3 Report on cooperation between NPFC and NPAFC

10.4 FAO ABNJ Deep-sea fisheries project

10.5 Partnership with the Fisheries and Resources Monitoring System of FAO (FIRMS)

10.6 Partnership with WCPFC and ISC

10.7 Partnership with SPRFMO

10.8 Cooperation with other organizations

Agenda Item 11. SC Terms of Reference (TOR) and 2023-2027 Research Plan and Work Plan

11.1 Review of the Scientific Committee TOR

11.2 Five-year Research Plan

11.3 Five-year Work Plan

11.4 Progress on addressing NPFC PR recommendations for SC

Agenda Item 12. Other matters

12.1 Coordination between SC and TCC

12.2 Other issues

Agenda Item 13. Advice and recommendations to the Commission

Agenda Item 14. Next meetings of SC and its subsidiary bodies

14.1 Meeting schedule for 2024/2025

14.2 Meeting format and venue

Agenda Item 15. Press release

Agenda Item 16. Selection of SC Chair and SC Vice-Chair

Agenda Item 17. Adoption of the Report

Agenda Item 18. Close of the Meeting