



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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

Annotated Indicative Schedule

Date	Time	Activities	Document
15 Dec	8:30-9:00	Registration	
	9:00-10:30	<p>Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting</p> <p>1.1 Welcome Address and Introductions <i>The SC Chairperson, Dr. Janelle Curtis, will open the meeting. Canada and the Snuneymuxw First Nation will present opening addresses to welcome participants. Participants and observers will introduce themselves and share their opening remarks.</i></p> <p>1.2 Appointment of Rapporteur <i>The rapporteur will be appointed.</i></p> <p>1.3 Meeting Arrangements <i>The Science Manager, Dr. Aleksandr Zavolokin, will outline procedural matters including the meeting schedule and administrative arrangements.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda <i>The provisional agenda will be reviewed, amended as appropriate, and adopted.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 3. Review of the NPFC Performance Review (NPFC PR) Panel Recommendations</p> <p>3.1 Overview of key recommendations for SC over the short term (next 1-5 years) <i>The SC Chair will provide an overview of key recommendations for SC and participants will discuss priorities and anticipated timelines.</i></p>	<p>MIP02, 03.</p> <p>WP04.</p>

10:30-11:00	Morning break	
11:00-12:30	<p>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)</p> <p>4.1 Technical Working Group on Chub Mackerel Stock Assessment <i>The TWG CMSA Chairperson, Dr. Kazuhiro Oshima, will summarize the outputs of the TWG CMSA07 meeting and present recommendations to be considered by the Scientific Committee.</i></p> <p>4.2 SSC on Bottom Fish and Marine Ecosystems <i>The SSC BF-ME Chairperson, Dr. Chris Rooper, will summarize the outputs of the SSC BF-ME04 meeting and present recommendations to be considered by the Scientific Committee.</i></p> <p>4.3 SSC on Pacific Saury <i>The SSC PS Chairperson, Dr. Toshihide Kitakado, will summarize the outputs of the SSC PS11 and SSC PS12 meetings and present recommendations to be considered by the Scientific Committee.</i></p>	Available on the website.
12:30-14:00	Lunch	
14:00-15:30	<p>Agenda Item 4. Continued</p> <p>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)</p> <p><i>The SWG MSE PS co-Chair, Dr. Toshihide Kitakado, will update the Scientific Committee on the outcomes of the SWG MSE PS03 and SWG MSE PS04 meetings and outline related tasks for the SC and SSC PS.</i></p>	Available on the website.
15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
16:00-18:00	<p>Agenda Item 6. Other priority species</p> <p>6.1 Summary of progress on the remaining four priority species</p>	WP16, 17. WP11.

		<p>6.1.1 Neon flying squid <i>The SWG NFS Lead, Dr. Luoliang Xu, will update participants on the intersessional work of the SWG and any anticipated activities during the coming year.</i></p> <p>6.1.2 Japanese sardine <i>The SWG JS Lead, Dr. Chris Rooper, will update participants on the intersessional work of the SWG and any anticipated activities during the coming year.</i></p> <p>6.1.3 Japanese flying squid <i>The SWG JFS Lead, Dr. Hajime Matsui, will update participants on the intersessional work of the SWG and any anticipated activities during the coming year.</i></p> <p>6.1.4 Blue mackerel <i>The SWG BM Lead, Dr. Shota Nishijima, will update participants on the intersessional work of the SWG and any anticipated activities during the coming year.</i></p>	WP05.
	18:30-20:30	Reception	

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16 Dec	9:00-10:30	<p>Agenda Item 6. Continued</p> <p>6.2 Species summaries</p> <p>6.2.1 Review of priority species summaries <i>The Leads of SWGs NFS, JS, JFS, and BM will present updated species summaries. The SC Chair will present a species summary for PS. The TWG CMSA Chair will present a species summary for CM.</i></p> <p>6.2.2 Potential additions <i>Participants will discuss the need to further revise the species summaries.</i></p>	WP06, 07, 08, 09, 14, 15(CM).

		<p>6.3 Changes to common and scientific species names</p> <p><i>Participants will consider a process to change the common and scientific names of species used by the NPFC.</i></p>	
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	<p>6.4 Domestic stock assessments of NFS, JFS, JS, and BM</p> <p><i>Members will provide overviews of their domestic stock assessments of these four priority species. Members will also have the opportunity to provide overviews of domestic stock assessments for the NPFC's other priority species, including NPA, SA, CM, and PS.</i></p>	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch	
	14:00-15:30	<p>Agenda Item 6.4 Continued</p> <p>6.5 Key milestones to achieve for NPFC stock assessments and provision of management advice</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss and identify key steps that need to be completed in order to assess the status of the priority species and provide science advice to the Commission.</i></p>	
	15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
	16:00-18:00	<p>6.6 Future roles and activities of the SWG NFS, SWG JFS, SWG JS, and SWG BM</p> <p><i>Participants will identify stock assessment tasks that need to be completed by SWG NFS, SWG JFS, SWG JS, and SWG BM.</i></p> <p>6.6.1 Potential establishment of a new formal SC subsidiary body to focus on NFS</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss the need to establish a new formal SC subsidiary body to conduct stock assessment of NFS. If a new formal subsidiary body is recommended by SC,</i></p>	

		<p><i>participants will also recommend its name as well as a chair and a vice-chair.</i></p> <p>6.6.2 Scientific project(s) to support CPUE standardization and assessment of NFS</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss and identify scientific projects that could be used to support CPUE standardization and stock assessment of NFS.</i></p> <p>6.6.3 Virtual or in-person meetings</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss whether virtual or in-person meetings are preferred to address tasks assigned to groups for NFS, JFS, JS, and BM.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 7. Climate change</p> <p>7.1 Climate change effects on NPFC’s priority species and associated ecosystems</p> <p>7.1.1 Current knowledge</p> <p><i>Participants will present their knowledge about climate change and its effects on the NPFC’s priority species as well as species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent upon or associated with the target stocks.</i></p> <p>7.1.2 Ongoing research activities</p> <p><i>Participants will describe their research on climate change and its effects on the NPFC’s priority species as well as species belonging to the same ecosystem or dependent upon or associated with the target stocks.</i></p> <p>7.1.3 Research priorities and potential scientific projects for SC</p> <p><i>Participants will identify research priorities and potential SC scientific projects that could address those priorities.</i></p>	<p>WP12.</p>
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18 Dec	9:00-10:30	<p>Agenda Item 8. Data Collection and Management</p> <p>8.1 Data Management System <i>The Data Coordinator, Mr. Sungkuk Kang, will brief participants on the development of and needs for the NPFC data management system.</i></p> <p>8.2 NPFC Data Sharing and Data Security Protocol <i>The Data Coordinator will update participants on the NPFC Data Sharing and Data Security Protocol adopted by COM07 in March 2023.</i></p> <p>8.2.1 Revision of Regulations for Management of Scientific Data and Information <i>The Science Manager will present the revised Regulations for Management of Scientific Data and Information.</i></p> <p>8.3 Data needs, data gaps, and strategies to fill gaps</p> <p>8.3.1 Information about species belonging to same ecosystem or dependent/associated with target stocks. <i>Participants will discuss the collection of information about species belonging to same ecosystem or dependent/associated with target stocks.</i></p> <p>8.3.2 Potential roles of regional observer program or e-monitoring. <i>Participants will consider potential ways that observer programs or e-monitoring could help fill data gaps. Members will consider scientific needs for electronic monitoring.</i></p>	<p>IP03, WP13.</p> <p>Available on the website.</p> <p>WP10.</p>
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	<p>Agenda Item 9. Scientific projects for 2024</p> <p>9.1 Ongoing/planned projects <i>The Secretariat and Members will report on the status of the current projects, discuss their implementation and propose new projects to be</i></p>	WP01.

		<p><i>carried out in 2024.</i></p> <p>9.2 New projects</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss and recommend potential SC scientific projects for PS, CM, NPA, SA, and NFS, as well as any other projects that would support provision of scientific advice to the Commission.</i></p> <p>9.3 Review and prioritization of projects</p> <p><i>If needed, an Informal Small Group will compile the projects, review and prioritize them, suggest a source of funds (SC fund or Special Project Fund) and make recommendations to the plenary of SC. Projects shall be submitted in accordance with the Guidelines for Projects posted on the website.</i></p>	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch	
	14:00-15:30	<p>Agenda Item 10. Cooperation with other organizations</p> <p><i>The Science Manager will update participants on NPFC's cooperation with other organizations.</i></p> <p>10.1 Reports on the joint NPFC-PICES activities since the SC07 meeting, including a report from the PICES Secretariat</p> <p><i>PICES will present a report on PICES-NPFC collaborative activities.</i></p> <p>10.2 SC Representation at scientific meetings</p> <p>10.2.1 SC representation in the Joint ICES-PICES WGSPF</p> <p><i>Members of the WGSPF will update participants on membership of WGSPG and its intersessional work.</i></p> <p>10.2.2 Report on PICES' topic session on VMEs and Seamounts</p> <p><i>The 2023 SC Representative, Ms. Devon Warawa, will report on the PICES topic session on VMEs and seamount biodiversity convened on 26 October 2023.</i></p> <p>10.2.3 Selecting SC representatives to PICES</p>	<p>IP02.</p> <p>OP01.</p>

	<p>2024</p> <p><i>Members will provide recommendations on financial support for one or more SC representatives at PICES 2024.</i></p> <p>10.3 Report on cooperation between NPFC and NPAFC</p> <p><i>Members will be updated on the Work plan to implement the NPFC/NPAFC Memorandum of Cooperation.</i></p> <p>10.4 FAO ABNJ Deep-sea fisheries project</p> <p><i>Members will be updated on the ABNJ Deep-sea fisheries project as well as related FAO initiatives, include projects on climate change, data limited stocks, a 2025 EAFM Symposium, and conclusions of a review of the DSF Guidelines implementation.</i></p> <p>10.5 Partnership with the Fisheries and Resources Monitoring System of FAO (FIRMS)</p> <p><i>Members will be updated on NPFC's arrangement with FIRMS.</i></p> <p>10.6 Partnership with WCPFC and ISC</p> <p><i>Members will be updated on NPFC's partnership with WCPFC and ISC.</i></p> <p>10.7 Partnership with SPRFMO</p> <p><i>Members will be updated on NPFC's partnership with SPRFMO.</i></p> <p>10.8. Cooperation with other organizations</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss cooperation with other regional and global organizations.</i></p>	<p>Work Plan is available on the website.</p> <p>OP02.</p> <p>Available on the website.</p> <p>Available on the website.</p>
15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
16:00-18:00	<p>Agenda Item 10. Continued</p> <p>Agenda Item 11. SC Terms of Reference (TOR) and 2024-2028 Research Plan and Work Plan</p> <p><i>Members will review progress and revise the current SC Research Plan and Work Plan based on the recommendations from the SSCs and TWGs and develop 5-year rolling research and work plans from 2024 onwards. The work plan will be based on</i></p>	

		<p><i>priorities identified in the research plan.</i></p> <p>11.1 Review of the SC TOR</p> <p>11.2 Five-year Research Plan</p> <p>11.3 Five-year Work Plan</p> <p>11.4 Progress on addressing NPFC PR recommendations for SC.</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss progress on achieving the NPFC PR recommendations for SC and review the five-year Research Plan and Work Plan in the context of those recommendations.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 12. Other Matters</p> <p>12.1 Coordination between SC and TCC</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss matters that involve coordination between SC and TCC, including relevant NPFC PR recommendations.</i></p> <p>12.2 Other Matters</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss other issues raised under Agenda Item 2, if any.</i></p>	<p>WP02.</p> <p>WP03.</p> <p>WP04.</p>
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19 Dec	9:00-10:30	<p>Agenda Item 13. Advice and recommendations to the Commission</p> <p><i>Members will agree on advice and recommendations to be submitted to the 8th Commission meeting for endorsement.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 14. Next meeting of SC and its subsidiary bodies</p> <p>14.1 Meeting Schedule for 2024/2025</p> <p><i>Members will suggest the dates of the next meetings.</i></p> <p>14.2 Meeting format and Venue</p> <p><i>Members will suggest a location of the next SC meeting, and recommend the format and location of meetings of SC's other subsidiary groups.</i></p> <p><i>Members will be invited to host the meetings.</i></p>	<p>IP01.</p>

		<p>Agenda Item 15. Press release</p> <p><i>Members will agree on the content and wording of a press release that describes key achievements of SC08.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 16. Selection of SC Chair and Vice-Chair</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will lead the selection of SC Chair and Vice-Chair.</i></p>	
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	<p>Agenda Item 17. Adoption of the Report</p> <p><i>The report of the meeting will be prepared, reviewed and adopted by consensus.</i></p>	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch	
	14:00-15:30	Agenda Item 17. Continued	
	15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
	16:00-18:00	<p>Agenda Item 17. Continued</p> <p>Agenda Item 18. Close of the Meeting</p> <p><i>The Chairperson will make concluding remarks and close the meeting.</i></p>	