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11–14 December 2023
Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Provisional Agenda

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda Item 3. Overview of the outcomes of previous NPFC meetings

- 3.1 SSC PS11
- 3.2 SWG MSE PS04
- 3.3 COM07

Agenda Item 4. Review of the Terms of References of the SSC PS and existing protocols

- 4.1 Terms of References of the SSC PS
- 4.2 CPUE Standardization Protocol
- 4.3 Stock Assessment Protocol

Agenda Item 5. Member's fishery status including 2023 fishery

Agenda Item 6. Fishery-independent abundance indices

Agenda Item 7. Fishery-dependent abundance indices

Agenda Item 8. Biological information on Pacific saury

Agenda Item 9. Stock assessment using “provisional base models” (BSSPM)

- 9.1 Retrospective patterns and scaling issue
- 9.2 Model validation (model runs and retrospective analyses by Members using the same data and priors)
- 9.3 Process error assumptions

Agenda Item 10. New stock assessment models

- 10.1 Data available
- 10.2 Review of progress on new stock assessment models
 - 10.2.1 New information on parameters for stock assessment models
 - 10.2.2 Stock Synthesis 3
 - 10.2.3 State-space age-structured model
 - 10.2.4 Other models (if any)
- 10.3 Finalization of specification for new stock assessment models
- 10.4 Recommendations for future work

Agenda Item 11. Progress on development and evaluation of an interim harvest control rule (HCR)
as a short-term task

11.1 Review of conditioning of operating models (OMs)

11.2 Review of candidate harvest control rules (HCRs)

11.3 Recommendations to the SWG MSE PS05

Agenda Item 12. Development of recommendations to improve conservation and management of
Pacific saury stock

Agenda Item 13. Review of the Work Plan of the SSC PS

13.1 Work Plan of the SSC PS

13.2 NPFC Performance Review recommendations

Agenda Item 14. Other matters

14.1 Observer Program

14.2 Draft agenda, priority issues and timeline for next meeting

14.3 Invited expert

14.4 Selection of Chair and vice-Chair for SSC PS

14.5 Other

Agenda Item 15. Consolidated recommendations to the Scientific Committee

Agenda Item 16. Adoption of Report

Agenda Item 17. Close of the Meeting