



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

**DETAILS FOR THE 8<sup>th</sup> FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE,  
9<sup>th</sup> TECHNICAL AND COMPLIANCE COMMITTEE AND  
10<sup>th</sup> COMMISSION MEETINGS  
8 – 17 April 2026  
Osaka, Japan (hybrid)**

The 8<sup>th</sup> Finance and Administration Committee meeting, the 9<sup>th</sup> Technical and Compliance Committee meeting, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Session of the Commission will be held in Osaka, Japan from 8-17 April 2026. To facilitate your travel arrangements, the Secretariat (as organizer for these sessions) has prepared information for your reference as below.

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## 1. Dates

The meetings commence on 8 April 2026 (Wednesday) and carry on through to 17 April 2026 as follows:

- 9<sup>th</sup> Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC07), 8-11 April 2026
- 8<sup>th</sup> Finance and Administration Committee (FAC06), 13 April 2026
- Head of Delegation (HOD) Meeting, in the morning, 14 April 2026
- 10<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting, 14 – 17 April 2026

## 2. Meeting Venue

The meetings will be held at the [Osaka International Convention Centre](#).

Google map: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/FFui479Pm6TZJFQt9>

Main meeting room, Small meeting room, and Secretariat's office room are outlined in the following tables.

(a) Main meeting room

Main meeting room						
Month	Day		Meeting	Floor	Room	
April	8	Wed	TCC	12	1202	
	9	Thu				
	10	Fri				
	11	Sat				
	12	Sun	None scheduled			
	13	Mon	FAC	12	1202	
	14*	Tue	COM	12	Conference Hall	
	15	Wed				
	16	Thu				
	17	Fri				

\*COM10 will start at 9:30 after HOD (HOD from 8:30 to 9:15).

(b) Small meeting room – Please see the Secretariat to book.

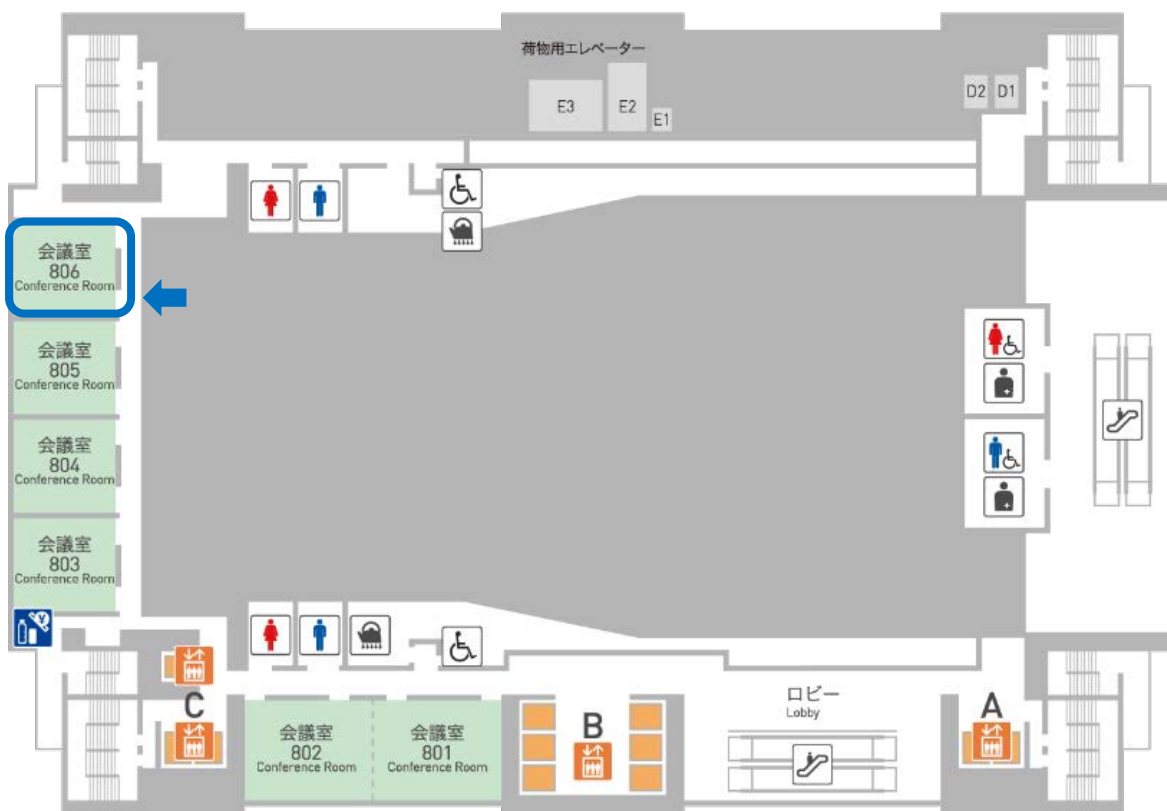
Month	Date	Day	Floor	Room
April	8	Wed	12	1201
	9	Thu	12	1201
	10	Fri	12	1201
	11	Sat	12	1201
	12	Sun	12	1201
	13	Mon	12	1201
	14	Tue	12	1201*
	15	Wed	12	1201
	16	Thu	12	1201
	17	Fri	12	1201

\*HOD Meeting will be in the morning from 8:30 to 9:15.

(c) Secretariat's office room

Month	Date	Day	Floor	Room
April	8	Wed	8	806
	9	Thu	8	806
	10	Fri	8	806
	11	Sat	8	806
	12	Sun	8	806
	13	Mon	12	12-1
	14	Tue	12	12-1
	15	Wed	12	12-1
	16	Thu	12	12-1
	17	Fri	12	12-1

**TCC/FAC: 1202 (12F)**  
**COM: Conference Hall (12F)**  
**Small Meeting Rm: 1201 (12F)**  
**Secretariat: 806 (8F), 12-1 (12F)**



### 3. Meeting Contact and Documentation

Online pre-registration for TCC, FAC and COM participants is on the NPFC website <https://www.npfc.int/meetings> and will be available as of 1 January 2026. Please log in to your NPFC account and register **by 22 March 2026**.

The meeting will be organized as in-person meeting but remote participation via Webex will be possible. Please indicate in the registration process if you will attend in-person or on-line. We note that your participation type may be different for different meetings so please indicate this in your registration.

### 4. Visa Information

Please access the webpage of Japan consular services from the link below to determine if you need a visa to enter Japan.

Link: [https://www.mofa.go.jp/j\\_info/visit/visa/index.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html)

An official invitation letter is essential for some participants to apply for a Japanese visa. Each delegation that applies for a Japanese visa is kindly requested to provide the information in **Attachment 1** to the meeting coordinator, Mr. So Fukazawa (so\_fukazawa330@maff.go.jp) and Ms. Yuri Hayashi (yuri\_hayashi210@maff.go.jp), **by 04 February 2026** to facilitate issuance of the invitation letters from Japan for visa purposes.

### 5. Border Measures

After 29 April 2023, valid vaccination certificate or a pre-arrival test is not required to enter Japan. <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html>

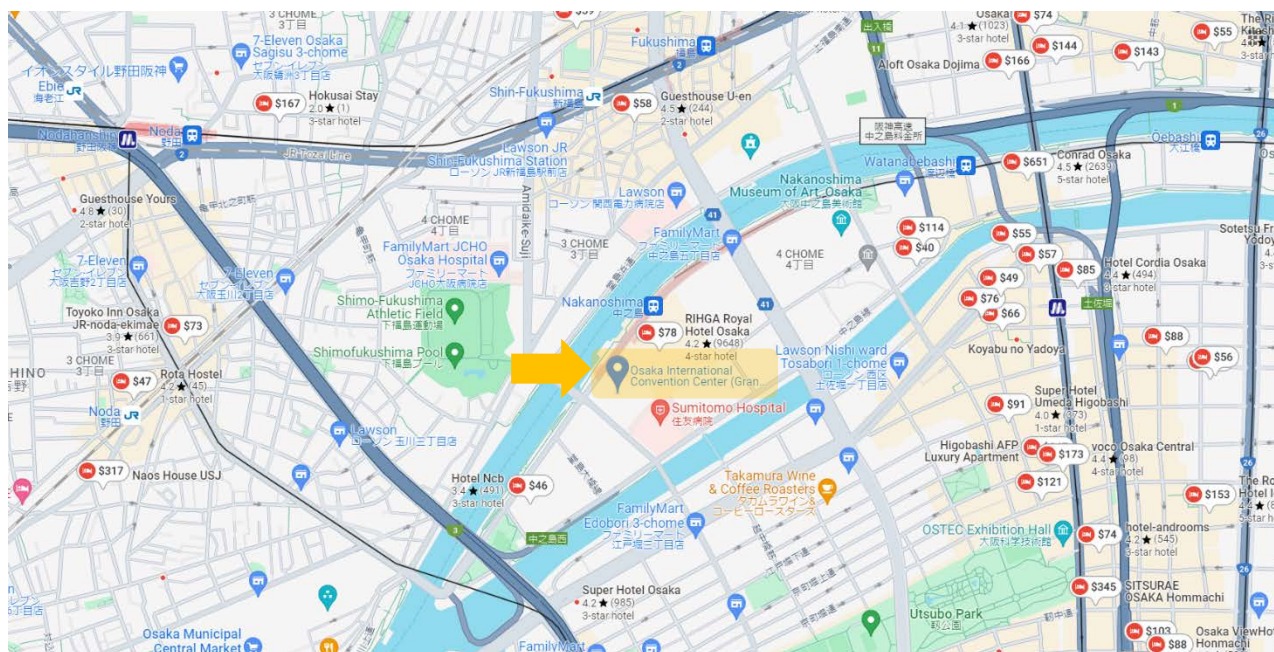
To facilitate your arrival procedures (immigration and customs), please visit the VisitJapan website: <https://vjw-lp.digital.go.jp/en/>

### 6. Accommodation Guide and map

Each participant is responsible for making his or her own hotel arrangement. You are **strongly encouraged** to make your reservations early due to room availability for the duration of the meeting to avoid having to move rooms/hotels.

The following table shows the recommended hotels near the meeting venue. Some other hotels can be found on the meeting venue's information page: <https://www.gco.co.jp/visitor/stay/>

Hotel Name	Access to the Meeting Venue	Address and Contact
Rihga Royal Hotel Osaka	3 minute walk (220 m)	Address: 5-3-68 Nakanoshima, Kita-ku, Osaka, 530-0005 JAPAN  Tel.: +81 (0)6-6448-1121  URL: <a href="https://www.rihga.com/osaka">https://www.rihga.com/osaka</a>
Rihga Place Higobashi	18 minute walk (1.2 km)	Address: 1-13-10 Edobori, Nishi-ku, Osaka, 550-0002 JAPAN  Tel.: +81(0)6-6447-1122  URL: <a href="https://www.rihga.com/place-higobashi">https://www.rihga.com/place-higobashi</a>
Aloft Osaka Dojima	18 minute walk (1.3 km)	Address: 2-1-31 Dojimahama, Kita-ku, Osaka, 530-0004 JAPAN  Tel.: +81 6-4796-6662  URL: <a href="https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/osaal-aloft-osaka-dojima/">https://www.marriott.com/en-us/hotels/osaal-aloft-osaka-dojima/</a>



## 7. Transportation from Airports to the Meeting Venue/Your Hotel

Travel to your hotel is often through Osaka Station unless your hotel offers a bus shuttle:

1. Arrival at the Kansai International Airport:
  - Approximately 55 minutes to Osaka Station on the JR Line 60 minutes by airport limousine bus.
2. Arrival at Itami Airport (assuming international arrival elsewhere in Japan):
  - Approximately 30 minutes to Osaka Station by airport limousine bus or monorail and train
3. Arrival by Shinkansen at Shin-Osaka Station:
  - Approximately 5 minutes to Osaka Station by JR local line
4. Free Shuttle bus between Osaka Station to Rihga Royal Hotel / Osaka International Convention Centre
  - A free shuttle bus taking about 15 minutes that can be used between Osaka Station and the hotel /convention center is available.  
[https://www.rihga.com/osaka/location#complimentary\\_shuttle\\_bus](https://www.rihga.com/osaka/location#complimentary_shuttle_bus)
5. General observations:
  - For more information regarding travel to the Osaka International Convention Centre, please refer to their website (<https://www.gco.co.jp/visitor/access/>)
  - Escalators in Osaka: Unlike Tokyo, Osaka escalator users stand on the right, leaving space to walk up/down on the left. This is the reverse of elsewhere in Japan.
  - If you come with oversized baggage(s) and take the Shinkansen, please refer to the following page: <https://global.jr-central.co.jp/en/info/oversized-baggage/index.html>

## 8. Meeting Registration

Pre-registration using your NPFC account is required in advance of the meeting (<https://www.npfc.int/meetings>) and will be available as of **1 January 2026**. Meeting packages and nametags (required to access the meeting room) will be available outside the TCC, FAC or COM plenary room at the following times:

- 9<sup>th</sup> TCC meeting (8 April) – from 08:30 to 09:00 a.m.
- 8<sup>th</sup> FAC meeting (13 April) – from 08:30 to 09:00 a.m.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting (14 April) – from 08:30 to 09:00 a.m.

If this registration time is not convenient for you, please ask the Secretariat staff for your registration package.

## 9. Social Events

There will be a reception organized by the Secretariat on the first day of the Commission meeting (14 April 2026).

Other events are being planned, including the likelihood of a reception on the first day of TCC (8 April 2026).

## 10. Other Information

### A. Wi-Fi

The Wi-Fi settings will be available in the Conference Room.

### B. Electricity

The voltage in Japan is **100 V**, which is different from North America (120V), Central Europe (230V) and most other regions of the world. Japanese electrical plugs (plug type A) have two, non-polarized pins that fit into North American outlets, as shown below.



A portable plug adaptor may be necessary to use your electronic devices.

### C. Illness or injury

The Secretariat maintains a small medical kit for routine acute medical issues. Some medications available in your home country may only be available when you visit the clinics in Japan and receive a prescription. Japan National Tourism Organization provides some general information:

[Information in case of illness or injury](#)

[COVID-19: Practical Info. for Traveling to Japan](#)

## EMERGENCY INFORMATION

*Police*

Emergency call – 110

*Fire, Ambulance or Emergency Rescue*

Emergency call – 119

The “Osaka Disaster Prevention Application” can be downloaded from the following page and is available in multiple languages:

<https://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/shobobosai/odp-app/index.html>



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If you have any questions regarding *visas*, please do not hesitate to contact:

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If you have any questions regarding *meeting preparations*, please do not hesitate to contact:

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## **Attachment 1 – information required for visa letter**

**[\(Click here to download the Word file ↗\)](#)**

The Fisheries Agency of Japan is willing to prepare an Invitation Letter for your visa application to attend the NPFC Meetings in Osaka, Japan (FAC08, TCC09 and/or COM10).

Please provide a list which includes the following information for each participant:

\* Please provide the name as it appears on your passport.

First Name:

Last (Family) Name:

Sex (F/M):

Nationality:

Organization:

Title:

Passport Number:

Passport type (official or general):

VISA type (official visa or short-term visa):

Date of Birth:

Date of Issue:

Date of Expiry:

Passport Issuing Authority:

Period of Stay in JAPAN:

Place of Applying for VISA (Embassy or Consulate of Japan):

Arrival Airport:

Departure Airport:

Hotel Name:

Documents that you are required to submit with this attachment are below.

- A copy of passport data page
- A copy of note verbal in case of travel with official passport or general passport and official visa