NPFC-2022-SC07-OP02

**Five-year Work Plan (2021–2025)**

**to Implement NPAFC/NPFC Memorandum of Cooperation**

*Exchange of data and information in accordance with the information-sharing and data confidentiality policies of each Commission;*

* Create a SharePoint inter-commission communication system to share news, reports, guideline documents, and other information relevant to the management of the mutual area of interest in an easily accessible form.

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| Timeline | Deliverables | Milestones |
| August 2021–June 2022 | NPAFC/NPFC Sharepoint Terms of Reference to describe structure, capabilities, access rights, and control issues  NPAFC/NPFC Sharepoint service in a test mode  NPAFC/NPFC Sharepoint service in full operational mode | Terms of Reference (ToR) agreed by both commissions – September 15, 2021  Test mode – December 31, 2021  Full operational mode – June 30, 2022 |

* Establish a mechanism of general information exchange (e.g., MCS activity information, fleet activity information, map of catch and fishing efforts).

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| Timeline | Deliverables | Milestones |
| August 2021–December 2022 | NPAFC/NPFC communication and information exchange plan  Regular mutual email conferences to exchange MCS and enforcement activities information | A plan agreed by the commissions – First half of 2022  Summer–autumn of 2022 |
| 2022–2025 | NPFC historical footprint (catch and fishing efforts) of the fisheries  Annual data reporting/sharing of Pacific salmon as by-catch by NPFC fishing vessels  Interactive Mapping System (IMS) for the INPFC/NPAFC High-Seas Salmonid Tag-Recovery Database | [Pacific saury](https://www.npfc.int/science/gis/catch-effort/saury) – available on the NPFC website  Japanese sardine – …  Mackerel – …  Japanese flying squid – …  IMS in a test mode with limited access – May 2022.  IMS in full operational mode – May 2023 |

* Establish a practice of sharing information on suspicious fishing vessels identified in overlapping convention area including stateless vessels and unregistered vessels.

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| Timeline | Deliverables | Milestones |
| August 2021–June 2022 | Vessel of Interest folder which has been treated as confidential at the NPAFC/NPFC Sharepoint | Vessel of Interest folder description is included in the ToR agreed by the commissions – September 15, 2021  Vessel of Interest information is included in the folder – June 30, 2022 |

*Collaboration on research efforts relating to stocks and species of mutual interest, including stock assessments;*

* Implement Pan-Pacific research survey plans in winter 2022, organize a comprehensive study of its outcome at the special session of the IYS Synthesis Symposium.

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| Timeline | Deliverables | Milestones |
| August 2021–February 2022 | NPFC proposal to the Pan-Pacific High Seas Research Expedition cruise plans  NPFC participation in the country leads meetings to coordinate/contribute to the Expedition plans | NPFC proposal submitted to the NPAFC – November 2021  [Status: The proposal was presented at the NPFC country leads meeting on 13 October and then revised by the NPFC SC following the feedback from the meeting.]  NPFC Science Manager / Scientific Committee Chairperson participates in the country leads meetings in August 2021–February 2022  NPAFC presents a report on the expedition finding after its completion in 2022 |

* Coordinate research activities identified in the NPFC/PICES and NPAFC/PICES Frameworks for Enhanced Scientific Cooperation in the North Pacific Ocean.

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| Timeline | Deliverables | Milestones |
| October 2021–May 2023 | Coordination of research activities identified in the NPFC/PICES and NPAFC/PICES Frameworks |  |

*Implementation of conservation and management measures for stocks and species of mutual interest;*

* Establish a mechanism to share the IUU vessel list of each Commission and its related information.

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| Timeline | Deliverables | Milestones |
| August 2021–May 2022 | Accessible links to the NPAFC and NPFC IUU vessel list on both Commissions’ website | NPAFC is developing the IUU vessel listing process with a study group, and the NPAFC IUU vessel list is expected to be established for the first time – May 2022 |

* Expand cooperation to collect and share information relating to species of special interest for each Commission.

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| Timeline | Deliverables | Milestones |
| August 2021–December 2025 | Information exchange on research cruise plans that can collect information on Pacific salmon and NPFC priority species  Mutual scientific documents and publications on Pacific salmon and NPFC priority species distribution, relationships, and potential impact | Lists of scientific cruise plans are exchanged – May 2022  NPAFC/NPFC/PICES Topic Session (or Workshop) on this issue is proposed for October 2023 at the PICES Annual Meeting  Mutual scientific documents and publications on Pacific salmon and NPFC priority species are published in 2023–2025 |

* Develop, publish, and distribute public information about conservation on the high seas and consequences of IUU activity.

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| Timeline | Deliverables | Milestones |
| 2021–2025 | News releases and journal articles on the Commissions activities related to high seas resources conservation, MCS, and law enforcement | Secretariats annually exchange information on the relevant publications |

For each agreed item a timeline, milestones, and deliverables will be mutually developed. Work plan will be discussed by the commissions and mutually agreed before June 2022.

Note: SC-related items are highlighted with yellow.