Terms of Reference for Data Sharing of Catch and Effort Data for Depletion Analysis of North Pacific Armorhead

(draft for NPFC SSC BF-ME04)

1. The SSC BF-ME03 tasked the SWG NPA-SA to explore alternative approaches to assess the status of North Pacific armorhead (NPA) stock, given the difficulty of applying life history based approaches to NPA.
2. The SWG NPA-SA agreed to conduct depletion analysis, which was applied to NPA during the Scientific Working Group in the Preparatory Conference of NPFC, to estimate past recruitment, harvest rate and spawning stock biomass.
3. All Members with fishing activities that catch NPA since 2013 will contribute available data on NPA catch and effort. Shared data should also include date, seamount, fishing gear and target (if available).
4. The SWG NPA-SA participants will collaborate on any analyses of these data.
5. The provided data will be used for the purposes of the above-mentioned analysis and will not be shared, distributed, or used for other purposes without the consent of the data provider.