



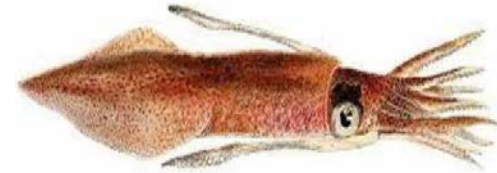
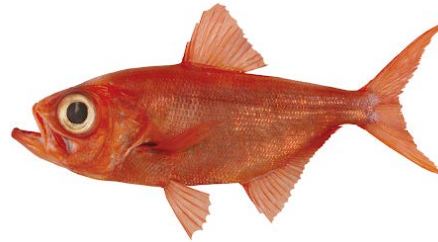
Summary of NPFC's SC representation at PICES 2024 Annual Meeting (26 October – 1 November)

**Janelle Curtis
NPFC SC-09 | December 2024**



Key Activities at PICES 2024 Annual Meeting

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- Represented NPFC SC this year during PICES 2024 from 24 Oct to 1 Nov 2024
 - Participated in the ***Seamount Science Summit – Ecological Insights Workshop***, convened by the Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative (DOSI) at the University of Hawaii at Manoa
 - Participated in Biological Oceanography Committee and Science Board meetings
 - Co-chaired WG47 Working Group on Ecology of Seamounts
 - Focused on renewal of ***PICES-NPFC Framework for Enhanced Scientific Collaboration in the North Pacific Ocean*** for another 5 years

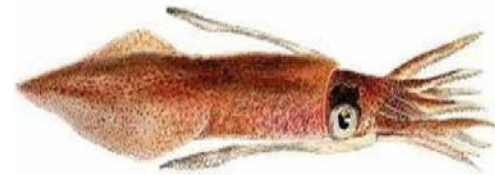
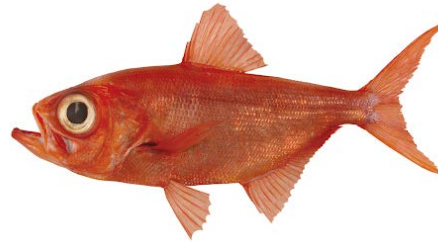
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- Key workshop achievements:
 - assessed the current understanding of seamount ecosystems
 - examined current management frameworks
 - discussed strategies to improve seamount ecosystem resilience, particularly in the face of fishing impacts and climate change
- My role: Share knowledge and insight about the work plans of PICES' WG47 on Ecology of Seamounts and NPFC's Scientific Committee, particularly SSC BFME and SWG VME



PICES Biological Oceanography Committee and Science Board meetings

26 October and 1 November, respectively



- Key activities:
 - Reported on WG47 on Ecology of Seamounts activities in 2023-24
 - Reported on joint NPFC-PICES activities in 2023-24 as per the ***PICES-NPFC Framework for Enhanced Scientific Collaboration in the North Pacific Ocean***
 - Addressed questions related to a proposal to renew the ***PICES-NPFC Framework for Enhanced Scientific Collaboration in the North Pacific Ocean*** from 2025-2029



Other activities

26 and 31 October, respectively



- Other key activities:
 - Workshop 5: *Exploring International Knowledge co-Production and the Science-Policy Interface*
 - Poster session: *NPFC in the North Pacific Ocean*



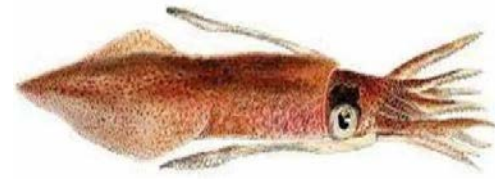
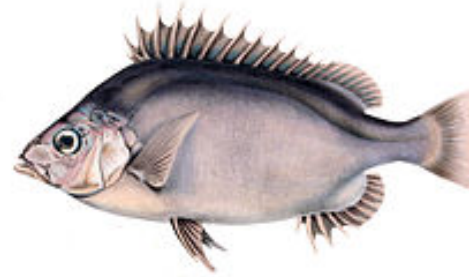
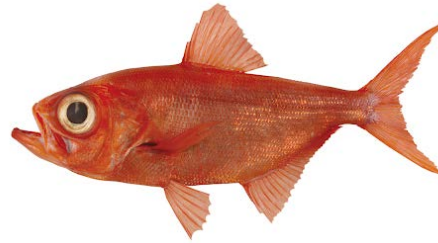
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Business Meeting of WG47 on Ecology of Seamounts

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31 October





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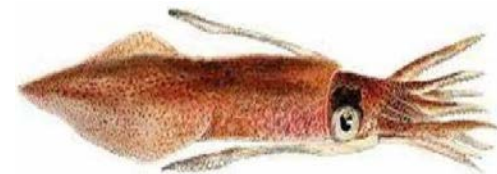


- Key activities:
 - Preparation of a PICES Fact Sheet for WG47
 - Member updates on research and activities
 - Report from DOSI on the Seamount Science Summit
 - Preparation of WG47's final report, including recommendations for future research (and maybe a new working group to focus on seamount ecology, biodiversity, or conservation?)



PICES-NPFC Framework for Enhanced Scientific Collaboration in the North Pacific Ocean

Proposed renewal from 2025-2029



Priorities:

- Support for stock assessment of NPFC's priority species
- Ecosystem approach to fisheries management
- Vulnerable marine ecosystems (VMEs)

PICES endorsed the proposed 2025-2029 framework in November 2024.