



# TCC UPDATE TO SC09

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**9th Science Compliance Committee Meeting**  
**20 December 2024, Tokyo**

# Coordination between TCC and SC

1. Regional observer program development- proposal for a transshipment observer program expected for COM09
2. Clarifying language for Transshipment CMM to ensure all fish products transshipped (including bycatch and unregulated species) are recorded by species
3. VMS – technical issues re establishing process for notification of Convention Area entry and exit
4. HSBI – technical issues re incorporating aerial surveillance; updating the support material (implementation plan) on website.
5. Effort Management -Establishing “Historic existing level”- referenced in 4 x CMMs

# Effort Management - 2024- 07 Chub mackerel

1. *Members of the Commission and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCs) **with substantial harvest of chub mackerel** in the Convention Area shall refrain from expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for chub mackerel from **the historical existing level** until the stock assessment by the SC has been completed.*
2. *Members of the Commission and CNCs **without substantial harvest of chub mackerel** in the Convention Area are encouraged to refrain from expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for chub mackerel from **the historical existing level** until the stock assessment by the SC has been completed.*

# Effort Management - 2024- 08 Pacific saury

1. *Members of the Commission, **not described under paragraph 2, and that are currently fishing for Pacific saury** shall refrain from expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for Pacific saury from the **historical existing level**.*
2. *Members **fishing for Pacific saury in areas of their jurisdiction that are adjacent to the Convention Area** shall refrain from rapid expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for Pacific saury from the **historical existing level**.*

# Effort Management - 2019- 10 Sablefish

2. *Members of the Commission with current harvest of sablefish in the eastern part of the Convention Area shall refrain from expansion of their fishery in this area from the existing historical level.*

3. Members with historical but no current harvest of sablefish in the eastern part of the Convention Area may only expand their fishery in this area in the context of the relevant NPFC Convention provisions, as appropriate including but not limited to Article 3, paragraph (h).

# Effort Management - 2024- 11 - Three Pelagics

1. *Members of the Commission and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCs) with substantial harvest of any of Japanese sardine, neon flying squid and Japanese flying squid (hereinafter referred to as “the three Pelagic Species”) in the Convention Area shall refrain from expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for such species from the **historical existing level** until the stock assessment for such species by the SC has been completed.*
2. *Members of the Commission and CNCs without substantial harvest of the three Pelagic Species in the Convention Area are encouraged to refrain from expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for such species from the **historical existing level** until the stock assessment for such species by the SC has been completed*

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## Historic Existing Level (HEL):

- Process launched in summer 2024 yielded input from some Members, requesting authorization numbers by species
- SWG further modified the project to request Members provide details on authorization numbers by species by gear type for the period 2009 – 2024 (2009 selected as 10 years prior to establishment of Vessel Registry)
- Process intended to be complete by 31 December but awaiting input from several Members.
- Likely to be incomplete data set as some Members advising records from early 2000s would have to be manually searched.
- Continue to consider NPAFC request for a transshipment workshop
- Keep SC informed on progress on any observer scheme

