



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

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- This framework was updated for collaborative research from 2025-2029.
- Jie Cao and I worked with the NPFC and PICES Secretariats to update the framework.
- Key revisions:
 - minor editorial corrections
 - removed legacy text about *SG-PICES-NPFC*
 - reflected changes in both organisations (e.g. new NPFC priority species and Membership, new PICES expertise in climate change including BECI, WG49, WG53...)
 - new paragraph about BBNJ Agreement under ***Contributions to other Science Initiatives***



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- Key part of the framework is in Table 1 - ***Recommended joint PICES-NPFC research areas and associated rank, interest, potential activities, and priority within next five years***

Research Area	PICES Rank	NPFC Rank
Support for Stock Assessments for priority species	High	High
Vulnerable Marine Ecosystems (VMEs) and Significant Adverse Impacts (SAIs)	High	High
Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management	Medium-high	High
Climate change	High	Medium-high
Data Management	High	High
Management strategy evaluation	Medium	Medium



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- Reviewed by PICES Science Board and Governing Council.
- PICES endorsed the proposed 2025-2029 framework in November 2024.
- SC Decision: Do we recommend that the Commission endorse the proposed renewal of this framework?