



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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NPFC 2025/2026 List of Chairs and appointment duration

Paper submitted by the Secretariat

Abstract: The attached tables outline the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the Commission and related subsidiary bodies (Table 1) and the bodies created under the auspices of the subsidiary bodies (Table 2).

COM09 is asked to note the Chairs and Vice-Chairs of COM, TCC and FAC have terms that are expiring.

COM09 is asked to note the proposal from NPAFC for a jointly organized workshop on “interaction between fisheries and anadromous fish in the north Pacific ocean”.

Table 1: Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission and subsidiary bodies (March 2024)

| Body | Officers | 1 st term (2 years) | 2 nd term (2 years) | Further Terms where allowed | Remarks |
|------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| COM | Chair (Ota, Japan) | 2024-2025 (COM08/09) | | | Selected in Mar 2023 Select a new Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years |
| | Vice-Chair (Kim, Korea) | 2024-2025 (COM08/09) | | | Selected in Mar 2023 Select a new Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years |
| SC | Chair (Curtis, Canada) | 2020-2021 (SC05/06) | 2022-2023 (SC07/08) | 2024-2025 (SC09/10) | Selected in Apr 2019. Extended in 2022 and 2024. SC10 (Dec 2025): Recommend a new Chair or extend for another 2 years. |
| | Vice Chair (Cao, China) | 2020-2021 (SC05/06) | 2022-2023 (SC07/08) | 2024-2025 (SC09/10) | Selected in Apr 2019. Extended in Dec 2021. SC10 (Dec 2025): Recommend a new Chair or extend for another 2 years. |
| TCC | Chair (Falberg, USA) | 2024-2025 (TCC07/08) | | | Selected in Mar 2023 Recommend a new Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years. |
| | Vice-Chair (Linstedt, Canada) | 2024-2025 (TCC07/08) | | | Selected in Mar 2023 Recommend a new Vice- Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years. |

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| FAC | Chair (Hull, USA) | 2022-2023 (FAC05) | 2024-2025 (FAC06/07) | | Extended in Mar 2023 Chair has indicated he will not offer to renew. Japan has nominated a candidate. Recommend a new Chair in 2025. |
| | Vice Chair (Xu, China) | 2022-2023 (FAC05) | 2024-2025 (FAC06/07) | | Extended in Mar 2023 Recommend a new Vice-Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years. |
| SWG MSE PS | Co-Chair (Kitakado, Japan) | 2022-2023 (1 st , 2 nd , 3 rd , 4 th meeting) | 2024-2025 | | Selected in 2021. At pleasure |
| | Co-Chair (Mahoney, Canada) | 2023-2024 (4 th meeting) | | | Selected in March 2023 At pleasure. |

Table 2: Bodies created by Subsidiary bodies and other roles

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| Joint NPFC/NPAFC workshop | NPFC Co-lead (Vacant) | | | | Decide on approach and select a co-lead to work with NPAFC Members on a workshop etc. |
| SSC-BF-ME | Chair (Rooper, Canada) | 2020-2021 (1 st , 2 nd) | 2022-2023 (3 rd , 4 th) | 2024-2025 | Select a new Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years |
| | Vice-Chair (Vacant - Don Kobayashi nominated) | | | | Select a new vice-Chair in 2024 |
| SSC-PS | Chair (Kitakado, Japan) | 2020-2021 (5 th , 6 th , 7 th , 8 th) | 2022-2023 (9 th , 10 th , 11 th , 12 th) | 2024-2025 | Select a new Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years |
| | Vice-Chair (Dai, China) | 2024-2025 | | | Select a new Vice-Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years |
| SSC NFS | Chair (Xu, China) | 2024-2025 | | | Select a new Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years |
| | Vice-Chair (Nishizawa, Japan) | 2024-2025 | | | Select a new vice-Chair in 2025 or extend for another 2 years |
| TWG CMSA | Chair (Oshima, Japan) | 2023-2024 | | | Select a new Chair in 2024 or extend for another 2 years. |
| | Vice Chair (Ma, China) | 2023-2024 | | | Select a new Vice-Chair in 2024 or extend for another 2 years. |
| SWG Data (potential) | Chair | | | | New WG proposed out of the Milestones ad-hoc SWG |
| | Vice-Chair | | | | New WG proposed out of the Milestones ad-hoc SWG |

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| TCC SWG OPS | Co-Lead (DeMille, Canada) | Jan 2023-Mar 2025 | | | Selected in January 2023 |
| | Co-lead (Willmann, USA) | Jan 2023- Mar 2025 | | | Selected in January 2023 |
| TCC SWG PD | Co-Lead (Lindstedt, Canada) | 2019-2021 | 2021-2023 | 2023-2025 | Selected in July 2019 |
| | Co-Lead (Tanoue, Japan) | 2023-2025 | | | Selected in July 2023 |

Canada (6), China (5), Japan (6), Korea (1), United States (3)