

North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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Information Paper submitted by the Secretariat

Timing and Location of the Commission and its Committees in 2026 and 2027

Abstract to Rev.1: This Rev updates the timing for 2026 by having TCC09 start on Wednesday 8 April 2026 (4 days) followed by FAC08 (13 April 2026) and COM10 (14-17 April) to allow travel to avoid Easter Sunday. This is reflected in Appendix 2.

Abstract: This paper provides a list of historical and agreed meeting times of other related organizations to facilitate the discussion by members of dates and location for the next meeting of the Commission (Appendix 1). The current approach based on COM08 decision is that the Secretariat organize meetings in a location other than Tokyo using resources allocated by Members if no Member agrees to host the meetings. To date, the funds have been drawn from the Working Capital Fund. In the proposed budget, you will note that it is proposed to transition to include the costs as a recurring item in the General Fund rather than an occasional expense with funds drawn from the Working Capital Fund.

Potential dates are proposed for 2026 and 2027 in Appendix 2 and Members are asked to consider committing to dates that allow for advance booking of facilities and / or offers to host these sets of meetings. This is common with other RFMO. The proposed timing takes into account the Lunar New Year Spring festival in China as well as fisheries operations (notably Pacific saury).

Context: The timing and location of NPFC Commission and associated subsidiary body meetings are determined by Members. The requirement is outlined in the NPFC Convention:

Article 5.3 The Commission shall hold a regular meeting at least once every two years at a time and location to be decided by the Commission and may hold such other meetings as may be necessary to carry out its functions under this Convention.

Taking into account factors such as the opening of fisheries, the Lunar New Year and availability of the Commission Chair, the Secretariat notes possible timing of the Commission meetings in April 2026 and 2027. For the next two years the period between the Lunar New Year dates is at least 44 days.

The Commission is asked to consider a fixed timing for future years to facilitate planning and indicate to other organizations our meeting schedule.



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Appendix 1: Dates of other meetings for comparison (2025)

						20	25					
	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
NPFC		13-14 SWG MSE PS06 17-20 CMSA10	18-21 TCC08 22 FAC07 24-27 COM09				8-10 SSC NFS2 12-14 WG NSAM1 16-19 TWG CMSA11					
WCPFC		5-7 IATTC-NC WG PBF-M	13 WG PSM				9-18 NC21	13-21 SC21	24-20 TCC21		30 FAC19	1-5 COM22
CCSBT				7-11 ERS Technical 2025		23 OM-MPT15		25 ESC30		2-4 CC20 6-9 COM32		
IATTC	13 Ecosystem and Bycatch WG	5-7 IATTC- WCPFC/NC WG on PBT 18-20 WS DI2 24-26 WS CC1	17-19 CS-WS2 20-21 WS MSE-TT4 24-28 ER EASI 25-26 AJDCP50	22-24 FAC	26-27 WG EB 28-29 WG FAD9 30-31 WG MSE TT5	2-6 SAC16				22-24 AIDCP52		
ютс		6-7 TCAC14 10 VMSWG08 12-14 WPICMM08 24-25 MSE WPM 25 CDS11	26-3.1 WPTmT09	7-9 CoC22 10 SCAF22 12 TCMP09 13-17 COM29 24-25 WPSE02 28-30 WPEB21(DP)	5-6 WGEMS05	9-10 WGFAD07 11-13 WPTT27(DP)	7-11 WPNT15 14-17 TCAC15 21-25 WPTmT09		9-13 WPEB21 15-18 WPB23	21-25 WPTT27 27-28 WPM16	25-29 WPDCS21	1-5 SC28
ICCAT	16 VWG-SF01	10-13 WGSAM 11-12 WG-ORT	4-6 Panel 2 Intersessional Meeting 10-14 SMS DPM	3 VWG-SF02 8-11 BIT SGI 21-25 BIT DPM	12-16 sC EBI	9-13 SMS SAS 16-18 ST SG 17-20 EMS WG, CDS WG, IMM	8 SWGSM 9-11 SCRS SSPM 14-18 BIT DPM		22-27 SC- STATS 29-10.3 SCRS Plenary Meeting		15-16 CC 17-24 COM29	
SPRFMO		11-21 CTC12, FAC12, COM13										
FAO-COFI												
CCAMLR						16-20 WG- SAM-2025 30-7.4 WG- ASAM-2025	6.30-4 WG- ASAM-2025 7-18 WG- EMM-2025					
GFCM			11-13 WGHKE 18-19 WKDECA 25-28 WKDATA-	8-10 SRC-CM 23-25 SRC-EM	13-15 SRC-AS 27-29 SRC-WM							
ISC	27-2.3 Shark WGW	13-17 Billfish WGW	10-14 ALBWG	14-18 PBFWG		16 PBFWG, SHARKWG, STATWG	17-20 ISC25					
IWC												
NAFO	22-24 WG-OPR		11-13 Applying the Ecosystem Approach to Fisheries Management in ABNJ		5-7 STACTIC 29-6.12 SC	5.29-12 SC			9-11 SC and STACFIS Shrimp Assessment Meeting 15-19 NAFO47		4-13 WG-ESA	
NASCO			17-18 FAC	19-21 WG on the Future of NASCO	9 IASRB 28-30 WG on Future		3-6 NASCO42					
NEAFC	27-28 NEAFC/OSPAR Collective Arrangement 2025		11-12 JAGDM 18-19 PECMAS	8-10 PECMAC	14 AHWG on ERS- Implementation				10 AHWG on ERS- Implementation 23-25 PECMAC 26 STATS : WG on Fisheries	1-2 Joint Advisory Group on Data Management 8-9 PECMAS	10 CP : Heads of Delegation 11-14 NEAFC44	
NPAFC					12-16 NPAFC32							
PICES											7-16 PICES-2025	
SEAFO											18-21 SC21 24 CC18 25 AFC17 26-27 COM22	
SIOFA		3-4 WS2025- PAM	4 CCRTW 13 VMSWG05 17 SC10			25-27 CC9 30-7.4 MoP12	6.30-4 MoP12					
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS	1 New year's day 29 Lunar new											

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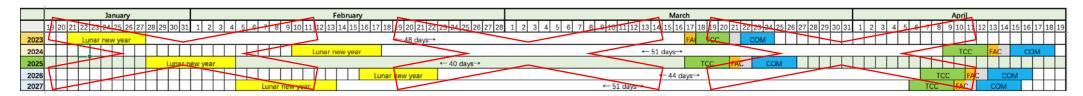
Meeting Schedules for Other Organizations (2024 and 2025)

FYI, meetings of 2023 are written in grey itallics

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	ост	NOV	DEC
	18-20 SWG MSE	125	Man	09-12 TCC07	10161	5014		9 22-23 SSC NFS01	JLI	001	1107	9-11 SSC BF-ME05
NPFC	PS05 22-25 TWG CMSA08			13 FAC06 15-18 COM08			17-20 1000 000340	26-30 SSC PS13				11-16 SSC PS14 17-20 SC09
WCPFC							15-16 NC20	14-21 SC20	25 Sep-1 Oct TCC20			1-6 WCPFC21
CCSBT						4-7 ERSWG15 Week of 24			2-6 ESC29	3-5 CC19 7-10 AM31		
IATTC				23-25 WGEM		5-6 WGEB2 7-8 FADs8 10-14 SAC15		26 METs 27-28 AIDCP48 28 AF11 29 CAF25 30-31 Review	2-6 AM102	9 METs 10-11 AIDCO47	27-28 EM1	
ЮТС		14-16 WPICMM07	26 VMSWG08 27 CDS10		5-7 CoC21 8 SCAF21 10-11 TCM8 13-17 IOTC28	5-7 WGEMS04 10-11 WGFAD06 12-14 WPTT26	8-12 WPNT14		4-7 WPB22 9-13 WPEB20	1-4 WGFAD07 21-24 TCAC13 24-26 WPM15 28 -2 Nov WPTT26	26-30 WPDCS 20	2-6 SC 27
ICCAT		20-21 PA1	4 CDS 5-8 PA2		22-24 PA1	10 EMS 11 CDS 12-14 IMM 25-26 PA4	2-3 CC		16-21 SCRS-SG 23-27 SCRS		9-10 PA1 11-18 COM24	
SPRFMO	23-26 CTC11 25-30 FAC11 29- 2 Feb COM12								30-5 Oct SC12			
FAO-COFI							8-12 COFI36					
CCAMLR					20-24 WG-ASAM- 2024	24-28 WG-SAM- 2024	1-12 WG-EMM-202	24		14-25 CCAMLR-43		
GFCM					14-17 CoC	4-6 CAQ13 25-28 SAC25					4-8 COM47	
ICES	16-17 MIRIA 2024 18-19 MIACO 2024		5-8 ACOM 2024 12-14 SC		21-23 DIG 2024							
ISC		5-10 SHARKWG 29 Feb-8 Mar PBFWG	11-18 ALBWG	15-23 BILLWG 29 May-3 May SHARKWG		STATWG SHARKWG PBFWG 19-24 ISC24						
IWC				22-3 May SC69B					23-27 IWC			
NAFO					6-8 STACTIC 31 May-13 Jun SC				23-27 AM46			
NASCO						4-7 AM41						
NEAFC				16-18 PECMAC					17-19 PECMAC	2-3 PECMAS	11 HOD 12-15 AM	
NPAFC					13–30 AM31							
PICES			17-22 ZPS-2024			3-7 MSEAS-2024				26-1 Nov AM		
SEAFO											18-22 SC 25-28 SCAF, CC, COM	
SIOFA			18-17 SC9			26-28 CC8	1-5 MoP11					
NATIONAL HOLIDAYS	1 New year's day	10 Lunar new year's day										

Original proposal

Appendix 2



Adopted at COM09 for 2026 and 2027 as Rev.1

