



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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1) Accredited Observer Participation at TCC

In the case of accredited observers (as listed in Rule of Procedure 9.1), participation in meetings of the TCC, as a subsidiary body to the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), will be in accordance with Commission Rules of Procedure 9: Observers.

TCC discussions relating to draft and provisional compliance reports will be open to accredited observers as a default practice. Accredited observers may not disclose information from TCC meetings or associated documentation, as per Rule 9.7, including non-public domain information as per the NPFC Data Sharing and Data Security Protocol. Failure to comply will be addressed consistent with Rule 9.8 of the Rules of Procedure.

2) Accredited Observer participation in TCC small working group (SWG) meetings

In the case of accredited observers (as listed in Rule of Procedure 9.1), attendance and participation in TCC Small Working Group (SWG) meetings will be in accordance with the following procedures:

- a) Accredited Observers may generally attend any TCC SWG meeting in accordance with Rule of Procedure 9 and these Transparency Rules. Should a Member object to an accredited observer's participation in a TCC SWG meeting, that Member must submit a rationale to the Secretariat, to be distributed to Members, at least 14 days before the SWG meeting in question. A simple majority of Members must concur, through email correspondence, with the exclusion of an accredited observer from the SWG meeting at least 7 days prior to the meeting, otherwise the observer may attend.
- b) Meetings of TCC SWGs, or portions of TCC SWG meetings, may be closed to accredited observers if the meeting or a portion of the meeting would disclose information listed in (i), (ii), or (iii) below.

- i) confidential commercial, financial or other operational information deemed privileged or confidential under Data Sharing and Data Security Protocol;
- ii) confidential information on monitoring, control and surveillance, particularly on High Seas Boarding and Inspection enforcement and fishery related activities data, including transshipment data, deemed privileged or confidential under NPFC's Data Sharing and Data Security Protocol;
- iii) confidential information relating solely to the internal rules and practices of the NPFC, such as personnel matters, that are required to be kept confidential by NPFC policy.

3) Accredited Observer access to all TCC documents, including documents of SWGs

For TCC meetings, accredited observers shall receive access to draft and provisional compliance reports, Implementation Questionnaires and associated documentation and other non-public domain information on or around the same time as Commission Members. Access to these meeting documents is subject to confidentiality rules adopted by the Commission, including the NPFC Data Sharing and Data Security Protocol and the NPFC Document Policy.

For TCC SWG meetings, documents will be made available to accredited observers unless otherwise specified, on or around the same time as Commission Members. Materials developed during the SWG meeting will be made available to the above-mentioned accredited observers upon completion of the meeting in a time consistent with Member access to the materials. Access to these meeting documents is subject to confidentiality rules adopted by the Commission, including the NPFC Data Sharing and Data Security Protocol and the NPFC Document Policy.

These rules will be reviewed at COM10, and as necessary thereafter, and revised as necessary.