



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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**North Pacific Fisheries Commission**  
**15<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Small Scientific Committee on Pacific Saury**  
**1-5 September 2025**  
**Virtual**

**Annotated Indicative Schedule**

Date	Tokyo time	Activities	Document
1 Sep	9:00-11:00	<p>Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting <i>The SSC PS Chair, Dr. Toshihide Kitakado, will open the meeting. The Science Manager, Dr. Alex Zavolokin, will outline meeting arrangements.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda <i>The provisional agenda will be reviewed, amended, as appropriate, and adopted.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 3. Overview of the outcomes of previous NPFC meetings</p> <p>3.1 SSC PS14 and SC09</p> <p>3.2 SWG MSE PS06</p> <p>3.3 COM09</p> <p>3.3.1 CMM 2025-08 for Pacific Saury</p> <p>3.3.2 Others</p> <p><i>The Chair will present the outcomes from SSC PS14, SC09 and SWG MSE PS06 meetings. The Science Manager will brief participants on the outcomes of the COM09 meeting relevant to Pacific saury.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 4. Review of the Terms of References of the SSC PS and existing protocols</p> <p>4.1 Terms of References of the SSC PS</p> <p>4.2 CPUE Standardization Protocol</p> <p>4.3 Stock Assessment Protocol</p> <p><i>Participants will review the Terms of References of the SSC PS and Protocols for CPUE Standardization and Stock Assessment.</i></p>	<p>MIP02, 03.</p> <p>See reports on the website: <a href="#">Meetings</a></p> <p>See documents on the website: <a href="#">Science</a></p>

	11:00-11:15	Break	
	11:15-13:00	<p>Agenda Item 5. Member's fishery status including 2025 target fisheries and bycatch</p> <p><i>Each Member will make a presentation on its Pacific saury fisheries operated in the NPFC Convention Area and adjacent EEZs including recent information from 2025 (see <a href="#">the template for fisheries status information</a>). The Secretariat will report on the total catch of Pacific saury including 2025 catch based on Members' weekly reports.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 6. Fishery-independent abundance indices</p> <p>6.1 Review of results of abundance estimation including 2025 Japanese biomass survey</p> <p><i>Participants will review the results of abundance estimation including the 2025 biomass survey conducted by Japan.</i></p> <p>6.2 Review of plans of future biomass surveys</p> <p><i>Participants will review plans of biomass surveys to be conducted in 2026.</i></p> <p>6.3 Recommendations for future work</p> <p><i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i></p>	

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2 Sep	9:00-11:00	<p>Agenda Item 7. Fishery-dependent abundance indices</p> <p>7.1 Review of Members' standardized CPUEs up to 2024</p> <p><i>Participants will review each Member's standardized CPUE indices up to 2024.</i></p> <p>7.2 Review of joint CPUE</p> <p><i>Participants will review an updated joint CPUE index.</i></p> <p>7.3 Recommendations for future work</p> <p><i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i></p>	
	11:00-11:15	Break	
	11:15-13:00	<p>Agenda Item 8. Biological information on Pacific saury</p> <p>8.1 Review of any updates and progress</p> <p><i>Participants will review updates on biological information for Pacific saury, if any.</i></p> <p>8.2 Recommendations for future work</p> <p><i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 9. Stock assessment using "provisional base models" (BSSPM)</p> <p>9.1 Review and update of the existing specification</p> <p><i>Participants will review and update the existing specification for the stock assessments conducted with BSSPM.</i></p> <p>9.2 Recommendations for future work</p> <p><i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i></p>	

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3 Sep	9:00-11:00	<p>Agenda Item 10. New stock assessment models</p> <p>10.1 Review of the outcomes of WG NSAM meetings</p> <p><i>Participants will review the report from Dr. Libin Dai, the Lead of the WG NSAM.</i></p> <p>10.2 Review of any progress on new stock assessment models</p> <p>10.2.1 Stock Synthesis 3 (SS3)</p> <p>10.2.2 State-space age-structured model</p> <p><i>Participants will review progress on the development of Stock Synthesis and State-space age-structured model since the last meeting of WG NSAM.</i></p> <p>10.3 Recommendations for future work</p> <p><i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i></p>	
	11:00-11:15	Break	
	11:15-13:00	Agenda Item 10. Continued	

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4 Sep	9:00-11:00	<p>Agenda Item 11. Toward development of management procedures (MPs) as a mid-term goal</p> <p>11.1 Work plan and progress in SWG MSE PS06</p> <p>11.2 Other</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss a work plan and timeline for the development of management procedures for consideration by SWG MSE PS.</i></p>	
	11:00-11:15	Break	

	11:15-13:00	<p>Agenda Item 12. Other matters</p> <p>12.1 Data provision templates</p> <p><i>Participants will review data provision templates from SWG Data.</i></p> <p>12.2 Observer Program</p> <p><i>The Secretariat will update participants on the outcomes of the SWG Observer Program 2025-01 meeting.</i></p> <p>12.3 Draft agenda, priority issues and timeline for next meeting</p> <p><i>Participants will identify priority issues and develop a timeline for the next meeting.</i></p> <p>12.4 Other</p> <p><i>Participants will address other issues, if any.</i></p>	
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5 Sep	9:00-11:00	<p>Agenda Item 13. Adoption of Report</p> <p><i>The report of the meeting will be adopted by consensus.</i></p>	
	11:00-11:15	Break	
	11:15-13:00	<p>Agenda Item 13. Continued</p> <p>Agenda Item 14. Close of the Meeting</p> <p><i>The Chair will make concluding remarks and close the meeting.</i></p>	