



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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North Pacific Fisheries Commission
16th Meeting of the Small Scientific Committee on Pacific Saury
11–14 December 2025
Nagoya, Japan

Annotated Indicative Schedule

Date	Time	Activities	Document
11 Dec	8:30-9:00	Registration	
	9:00-10:30	Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting <i>The SSC PS Chair, Dr. Toshihide Kitakado, will open the meeting.</i> Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda <i>The provisional agenda will be reviewed, amended, as appropriate, and adopted.</i> Agenda Item 3. Overview of the outcomes of previous NPFC meetings 3.1 SSC PS15 <i>The Chair will brief participants on the outcomes of SSC PS15 meeting.</i> Agenda Item 4. Review of the Terms of References of the SSC PS and existing protocols 4.1 Terms of References of the SSC PS 4.2 CPUE Standardization Protocol 4.3 Stock Assessment Protocol <i>Participants will review and revise, if necessary, the Terms of References of the SSC PS and the existing protocols for CPUE standardization and stock assessment.</i> Agenda Item 5. Member's fishery status including 2025 fishery 5.1 Report from Members including bycatch 5.2 Others <i>Each Member will make a presentation on its Pacific saury fisheries operated in the NPFC Convention Area and adjacent EEZs including recent information</i>	MIP02, 03. Reports are available on the website. TOR and Protocols are available on the website.

		<i>from 2025 (see the template for fisheries status information). The Secretariat will report on the total catch of Pacific saury including 2025 catch based on Members' weekly reports.</i>	
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	Agenda Item 5. (Continued) Agenda Item 6. Fishery-independent abundance indices 6.1 Any information including survey plans in 2026 6.2 Recommendations for future work <i>Participants will review updates and relevant information from Japan on fishery-independent abundance indices.</i>	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch	
	14:00-15:30	Agenda Item 7. Fishery-dependent abundance indices 7.1 Any information 7.2 Recommendations for future work <i>Participants will review updates on fishery-dependent abundance indices.</i> Agenda Item 8. Stock assessment using “provisional base models” (BSSPM) 8.1 Review of results 8.2 Finalization of input values for the adopted HCR 8.3 Recommendations for future work <i>Participants will review the results of BSSPMs, finalize input values for the adopted HCR and make recommendations for future work.</i>	
	15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
	16:00-18:00	Agenda Item 8. Continued	

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12 Dec	9:00-10:30	Agenda Item 8. Continued Agenda Item 9. Biological information on Pacific saury <i>Participants will present updated biological information on Pacific saury, if any.</i>	
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	Agenda Item 10. New stock assessment models 10.1 Review of progress in SWG NSAM <i>The SWG NSAM Lead. Dr. Libin Dai, will report on intersessional work of the SWG NSAM.</i>	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch	
	14:00-15:30	10.2 Works toward finalization of new stock assessment models <i>An expert invited, Dr. Quang Huynh, will update participants on the progress in the development of SS3. Members will present other stock assessment models, if available.</i> 10.3 Recommendations for future work <i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i>	
	15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
	16:00-18:00	Agenda Item 10. Continued	

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13 Dec	9:00-10:30	Agenda Item 10. Continued Agenda Item 11. Progress on development and evaluation of a management procedure as a mid-term task	

		11.1 Conditioning of operating models (OMs) 11.2 Types of management procedures (MPs) 11.3 Suggestion to SWG MSE PS07 on timeline and technical matters <i>Participants will review conditioning of operating models and types of management procedures. They will make suggestions to SWG MSE PS07 on timeline and technical matters.</i>	
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	Agenda Item 11. Continued	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch	
	14:00-15:30	Agenda Item 12. Development of recommendations to improve conservation and management of Pacific saury stock 12.1 Application of the adopted HCR to set a TAC in 2026 12.2 Others <i>Participants will make recommendations to improve conservation and management of Pacific saury stock.</i>	
	15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
	16:00-18:00	Agenda Item 13. Review of the Work Plan of the SSC PS 13.1 Climate related issues <i>Participants will present on climate change impacts on Pacific saury.</i> 13.2 Work Plan of the SSC PS <i>Participants will review and revise the Work Plan of the SSC PS.</i>	WP01.

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14 Dec	9:00-10:30	Agenda Item 14. Other matters 14.1 Observer Program 14.2 Pacific saury species summary update	

		14.3 Draft agenda, priority issues and timeline for next meeting 14.4 Invited expert 14.5 Selection of Chair and vice-Chair for SSC PS 14.6 Other <i>Participants will address other matters including an observer program, species summary, priority issues for the next meeting, support from the invited expert and selection of the Chair and vice-Chair for SSC PS.</i>	
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	Agenda Item 15. Consolidated recommendations to the Scientific Committee <i>Participants make recommendations to the Scientific Committee.</i>	
	12:30-14:00	Lunch	
	14:00-15:30	Agenda Item 16. Adoption of Report <i>The report of the meeting will be prepared, reviewed and adopted by consensus.</i>	
	15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
	16:00-18:00	Agenda Item 16. Continued Agenda Item 17. Close of the Meeting <i>The Chair will make concluding remarks and close the meeting.</i>	