



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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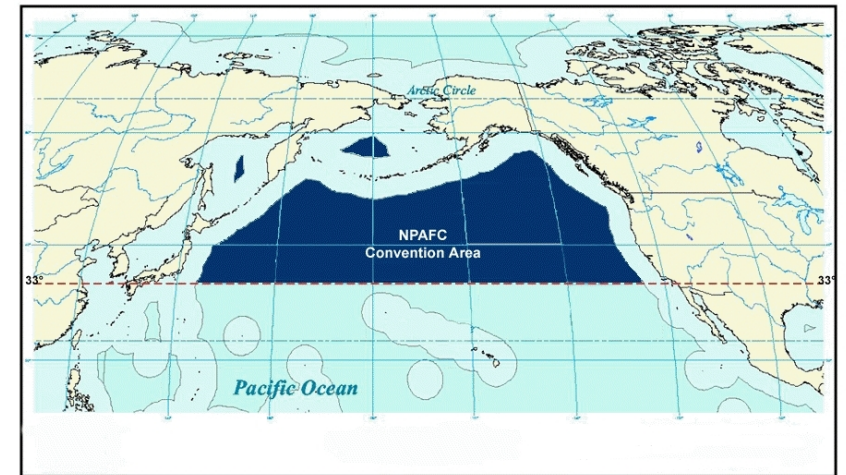
NPAFC-NPFC Cooperation

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North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC)

- Established by the Convention for Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean in 1993
- Species: 6 species of Pacific salmon (Chum, Coho, Pink, Sockeye, Chinook, and Cherry salmon) and steelhead trout
- Parties: Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russia, the United States
- Convention Area: high seas of the North Pacific Ocean and its adjacent seas, north of 33 degrees North Latitude



NPAFC Conservation Measures (Convention Article III)

1. In the Convention Area:
 - (a) directed fishing for anadromous fish shall be prohibited.
 - (b) incidental taking of anadromous fish shall be minimized to the maximum extent practicable in accordance with Part II of the Annex.
 - (c) the retention on board of fishing vessel of anadromous fish taken as an incidental taking in a fishing activity directed at non-anadromous fish shall be prohibited and any such anadromous fish shall be returned immediately to the sea.

NPFC CMM 2024-16 For Anadromous Fish

Cooperation framework between NPAFC and NPFC

- Memorandum of Cooperation between NPAFC and NPFC signed in 2019
- Five-year Work Plan to implement NPAFC/NPFC Memorandum of Cooperation endorsed by NPFC and NPAFC in 2023

Progress on Five-year Work Plan

○ Exchange of data and information

Terms of Reference of NPAFC/NPFC SharePoint was agreed by NPFC in March 2025 and by NPAFC in May 2025

- Coordinate research activities for enhanced scientific cooperation in the North Pacific Ocean
NPAFC will contribute to BECI (Basin-scale Events and Coastal Impacts) activities with scientific research on salmon
- Expand cooperation to collect and share information relating to species of special interest for each Commission
 - 1) NPAFC Workshop on Interactions between Fisheries and Anadromous Fish in the North Pacific High Seas, on May 13, 2026, in Vancouver, Canada
Invitation letter will be issued to NPFC Secretariat
 - 2) NPAFC workshop on Interactions Between Salmon, Ecosystems, and Climate: From Mechanisms to Predictive Models, on May 16–17, 2026, in Vancouver, Canada