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3rd Meeting of the Small Scientific Committee on Neon Flying Squid

4-6 March 2026

Virtual

Annotated Indicative Schedule

Date	Tokyo time	Activities	Document
4 Mar	9:00-11:00	<p>Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting</p> <p><i>The SSC NFS Chair, Dr. Luoliang Xu, will open the meeting. The Science Manager, Dr. Alex Zavolokin, will outline meeting arrangements.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda</p> <p><i>The provisional agenda will be reviewed, amended, as appropriate, and adopted.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 3. Review of intersessional activities and SC/TCC/Commission meeting updates related to NFS</p> <p><i>The Chair will update participants on intersessional activities since the previous SSC NFS meeting. The Science Manager will brief participants on the outcomes of SC/TCC/Commission meetings related to NFS.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 4. Updates on Members' fishery status</p> <p>4.1 Member presentations prepared in advance</p> <p><i>Members will present their neon flying squid fisheries updates using the template for fisheries status information for NFS.</i></p>	<p>MIP02, 03.</p> <p>See reports on the website: SSC NFS02 SC10, COM09</p>
	11:00-11:15	Break	
	11:15-13:00	<p>Agenda Item 5. Updates on fishery-dependent abundance indices</p> <p>5.1 Presentation about CPUE standardization analysis prepared by each Member in advance</p> <p><i>Members will present their CPUE standardizations conducted in accordance with the CPUE Standardization Protocol for NFS.</i></p> <p><i>The invited expert, Dr. Rujia Bi, will give an update on the development of the code for joint CPUE standardization.</i></p>	

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5 Mar	9:00-11:00	<p>Agenda Item 6. Updates on fishery-independent abundance indices</p> <p>6.1 Presentation about survey prepared by Members (e.g., Japan, China) in advance</p> <p><i>Members will present on fishery-independent abundance indices.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 7. Review and updates of biological information for NFS</p> <p><i>Participants will review and update biological information for NFS.</i></p>	
	11:00-11:15	Break	
	11:15-13:00	<p>Agenda Item 8. Fisheries stock assessment</p> <p>8.1 Review of progress on the surplus production models</p> <p><i>Participants will review progress on surplus production models.</i></p> <p>8.2 Discussion of frequency of benchmark and annual stock assessments</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss frequency of benchmark and annual stock assessments taking into account the recommendation from SC10 that the benchmark stock assessment for NFS be conducted every 3–5 years and that the data update stock assessment be conducted annually.</i></p> <p>8.3 Discussion of fisheries-dependent and fisheries-independent indicators of trend for stocks</p> <p><i>Participants will review the indicators of trend for NFS recommended by SC10:</i></p> <p><i>Fisheries-dependent indicators: a. Standardized CPUE, b. Mean size at catch, c. Total catch</i></p> <p><i>Fisheries-independent indicators:</i></p> <p><i>a. Abundance index, b. Size composition, c. Driftnet survey during summer</i></p> <p>8.4 Recommendations for future work</p> <p><i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i></p>	

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6 Mar	9:00-11:00	<p>Agenda Item 9. Review of the Work Plan of the SSC NFS</p> <p>9.1 Review and update of the SSC NFS Work Plan <i>Participants will review the Work Plan, including incorporation of climate-related tasks into workplan as requested by SC10.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 10. Other matters</p> <p>10.1 Species summary for neon flying squid <i>Participants will update the species summary document for NFS.</i></p> <p>10.2 Invited expert <i>Participants will identify invited expert's roles and tasks for the 2026 operational year in accordance with the Policy for the selection and extension of invited experts for supporting the Scientific Committee and its subsidiary groups.</i></p> <p>10.3 Table of activities and timeline <i>SC10 agreed to add a table of activities and timeline to meeting reports of SC subsidiary bodies to more clearly convey the subsidiary body's progress and planned work. Participants will develop this table and annex it to SSC NFS03 report.</i></p> <p>10.4 Other <i>SSC NFS will address tasks from SC10, including data call, science-based options for operationalizing precautionary approach, and Members' sampling programs for transshipped catch. Data Coordinator will update participants on NFS map.</i></p>	
	11:00-11:15	Break	
	11:15-13:00	<p>Agenda Item 11. Adoption of Report <i>The report of the meeting will be adopted by consensus.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 12. Close of the Meeting <i>The Chair will make concluding remarks and close the meeting.</i></p>	