



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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NPFC 2026/2027 List of Chairs and appointment duration

Abstract: The attached tables outline the Chair and Vice-Chair positions for the Commission and related subsidiary bodies (Table 1) and the bodies created under the auspices of the subsidiary bodies (Table 2).

COM10 is asked to note the Chair and Vice-Chair of SC are expiring and that the SC has recommended that the SC Vice Chair be considered for the Chair role and no Vice-Chair nomination has been identified.

Table 1: Chair and Vice-Chair of the Commission and subsidiary bodies (April 2026)

Body	Officers	1 st term (2 years)	2 nd term (2 years)	Further Terms where allowed	Remarks
COM	Chair (Ota, Japan)	2024-2025 (COM08/09)	2026-2027 (COM10/11)		Selected in Mar 2023 Select a new Chair in 2027
	Vice-Chair (Kim, Korea)	2024-2025 (COM08/09)	2026-2027 (COM10/11)		Selected in Mar 2023 Select a new vice-Chair in 2027
SC	Chair (Curtis, Canada)	2020-2021 (SC05/06)	2022-2023 (SC07/08)	2024-2025 (SC09/10)	Selected in Apr 2019. SC10 recommended Dr. Jie Cao (China)
	Vice Chair (Cao, China)	2020-2021 (SC05/06)	2022-2023 (SC07/08)	2024-2025 (SC09/10)	Selected in Apr 2019. Extended in 2022 and 2024. Nomination
TCC	Chair (Falberg, USA)	2024-2025 (TCC07/08)	2026-2027 (TCC09/10)		Selected in Mar 2023 Recommend a new Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years.
	Vice-Chair (Linstedt, Canada)	2024-2025 (TCC07/08)	2026-2027 (TCC09/10)		Selected in Mar 2023 Recommend a new Vice-Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years.
FAC	Chair (Tominaga, Japan)	2026/2027 (FAC08/09)			Selected in 2025. Recommend a new Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years.
	Vice-Chair Blazkiewicz (EU)	2026/2027 (FAC08/09)			Selected in 2025. Recommend a new Vice-Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years.
SWG	Co-Chair (Kitakado, Japan)	2022-2025			Selected in 2021. At pleasure
MSE PS	Co-Chair (Mahoney, Canada)	2023-2025			Selected in March 2023. At pleasure.

Table 2: Bodies created by Subsidiary bodies and other roles

SSC BF-ME	Chair (Rooper, Canada)	2020-2021	2022-2023	2024-2025 2026-2027	Select a new Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years
	Vice-Chairs (Sawada, Japan)	2025-2026			Select a new vice-Chair in 2026 or extend for another 2 years
SSC PS	Chair (Kitakado, Japan)	2020-2021	2022-2023	2024-2025 2026-2027	Select a new Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years
	Vice-Chair (Dai, China)	2024-2025	2026-2027		Select a new Vice-Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years
SSC NFS	Chair (Xu, China)	2024-2025	2026-2027		Select a new Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years
	Vice-Chair (Nishizawa, Japan)	2024-2025	2026-2027		Select a new vice-Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years
SSC JS	Chair (Nakatsuka, Japan)	2026-2027			Select a new Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years
	Vice-Chair (Dai, China)	2026-2027			Select a new vice-Chair in 2027 or extend for another 2 years
TWG CMSA	Chair (Oshima, Japan)	2023-2024	2025-2026		Select a new Chair in 2026 or extend for another 2 years
	Vice Chair (Ma, China)	2023-2024	2025-2026		Select a new Vice-Chair in 2026 or extend for another 2 years
TCC SWG OPS	Co-Lead (DeMille, Canada)	Jan 2023-Mar 2025			Selected in January 2023
	Co-Lead (Vacant)				Vacant

TCC SWG PD	Co-Lead (Lindstedt, Canada)	2019-2021	2021-2023	2023-2025	Selected in July 2019 Select a new co-lead or extend
	Co-Lead (Okazaki, Japan)	2025-2027			Selected in July 2025
SC SWG NPA-SA	Lead (Sawada, Japan)				Selected in 2021
SC SWG VME	Lead (Osawa, Japan)				Selected in 2025
SC SWG JFS	Lead (Matsui, Japan)				Selected in 2023
SC SWG BM	Lead (Vacant)				New lead nominated in Mar 2026
SC SWG NSAM	Lead (Dai, China)	¥			Selected in 2023
SC SWG Data	Lead (Molla Gazi, EU)				Selected in 2024
SC SWG Milestones	Co-Leads (Rooper, Canada Molla Gazi, EU)				Selected in 2023

Canada (6), China (6), EU (3), Japan (12), Korea (1), United States (1)