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Tenth (10th) Commission Session Concludes Hybrid Meetings in Osaka, Japan

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The 10th Meeting of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (COM10) took place from 14-17 April 2026, in-person and by video conferencing. The Commission meeting was chaired by Mr. Shingo OTA (Japan). It was preceded by the Finance and Administration Committee (FAC08) meeting on 13 April and the Technical and Compliance Committee (TCC09) meeting from 8-11 April. The event was attended by over 130 participants from nine Members, Panama as Cooperating Non-Contracting Party and 11 observer groups. Acknowledged this year was the progress made in monitoring fishery related activities as well as consolidating data submission and management approaches.

The Commission Meeting has achieved the following:

- Revised the Conservation and Management Measure (CMM) for Pacific saury including reducing the total allowable catch by 5% to help improve the status of the stock
- Updated the CMM for chub mackerel including a 28% reduction in catch and improved monitoring provisions
- Highlighted the implementation, starting on 1 April 2026, of the new CMM for the transshipment observer program
- Adopted a new CMM on minimum standards for port state inspections
- Adopted a new CMM on minimum standards for NPFC data
- Amended the CMM to establish a list of vessels presumed to have carried out illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing in the NPFC Convention Area
- Adopted a standalone CMM for Japanese sardine to enhance its management
- Updated the CMM for Japanese Flying Squid and Neon Flying Squid
- Adopted the 2026 NPFC Compliance Report
- Adopted the 2026 NPFC IUU vessel list with no additional vessels added in 2026, and
- Agreed to seek deeper cooperation with other regional bodies by agreeing to renew the MOU with the South Pacific Regional Fisheries Management Organization and proposing language for a similar MOU with the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission

The next Commission meeting is tentatively scheduled to take place 12-15 April 2027 in Japan.

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Attachment: Photo of NPFC 10th Commission Meeting plenary

