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Proposed revisions to CMM 2025-11 for Neon Flying Squid and Japanese Flying Squid

Abstract

This paper provides Secretariat updates to NFS and JFS based on the adopted language for sardine in WP04 Rev.2 (paragraph 10)

CMM 2025-11 covers Japanese sardine, Neon flying squid and Japanese flying squid.

Japan proposes:

1. Separating the CMM into sardine and squids.
2. Adopting a catch limit for Japanese sardine in a stand-alone CMM.
3. Leaving the two squid species in a separate stand-alone CMM by removing reference to sardine and with no other changes to the text associated with these species.

**CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR ~~JAPANESE SARDINE,~~
NEON FLYING SQUID AND JAPANESE FLYING SQUID**

The North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC),

Recalling that six pelagic species – Pacific saury, chub mackerel, blue mackerel, Japanese sardine, neon flying squid, and Japanese flying squid – are identified as priority species;

Also recalling that the NPFC has adopted the CMMs on ~~threetwo~~ species – Pacific saury, ~~and~~ chub mackerel ~~[and Japanese sardine]~~;

Noting that specific measures for the remaining ~~threefour~~ species have yet to be introduced while those species have been subject to extensive fishing practices, whether they are target or bycatch species;

Reaffirming the General Principles provided in Article 3 of the Convention, in particular, Paragraph (h) stipulating that any expansion of fishing effort does not proceed without prior assessment of the impacts of those fishing activities on the long-term sustainability of fisheries resources;

Adopts the following conservation and management measure in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention:

1. Members of the Commission and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCs) with substantial harvest of any of ~~Japanese sardine,~~ neon flying squid and Japanese flying squid (hereinafter referred to as “the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species”) in the Convention Area shall refrain from expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for such species from the historical existing level until the stock assessment for such species by the SC has been completed.
2. Members of the Commission and CNCs without substantial harvest of the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species in the Convention Area are encouraged to refrain from expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for such species from the historical existing level until the stock assessment for such species by the SC has been completed.
3. Members of the Commission participating in fishing for the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species in areas under their jurisdiction adjacent to the Convention Area are requested to take compatible

measures in paragraph 1. Such Members¹ may divert part of their catch limit for areas under their jurisdiction to their own catch of the species in the Convention Area by vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for the species, provided that: (i) the Member has established a catch limit for the species in its jurisdiction; (ii) the Member has notified the Commission of the catch limit; and (iii) the total catch of the species in the Convention Area and the areas under their jurisdiction adjacent to the Convention Area will not exceed the Member's total catch limit for its jurisdiction respectively.

4. Development of new fishing activity for the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species in the Convention Area by Members of the Commission without documented historical catch for such species in the Convention Area shall be determined in accordance with relevant provisions, as appropriate, including but not limited to Article 3, paragraph (h) and Article 7, subparagraphs 1(g) and (h) of the Convention.
5. Members of the Commission and CNCPs shall ensure that fishing vessels flying their flag operating in the Convention Area authorized to fish the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species are to be equipped with an operational vessel monitoring system that is activated at all times.
6. Members of the Commission and CNCPs shall ensure that fishing vessels flying their flag that fish for the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species in the Convention Area record their catches, including incidental catches of other NPFC species, and any discards and report them to the relevant flag state authorities in accordance with their national data recording and reporting requirements.
7. Members of the Commission and CNCPs shall provide their data on the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species in accordance with the data requirements adopted by the Commission in the Annual Report ~~by the end of February,~~ every year. The Commission shall review such information at the annual meeting of every year.
8. Members of the Commission and CNCPs shall cooperate to take necessary measures including sharing information, in order to accurately understand the situation and eliminate IUU fishing for the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species.
9. After a stock assessment for any of the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species has been completed, the provisions in Paragraph 1 shall be reviewed by the Commission and those provisions shall not be a precedent to hinder those Members who are not harvesting substantial amounts of the ~~twothree~~ Pelagic Species assessed in the Convention Area to develop their own fisheries in the Convention Area noting the Commission shall regularly review the harvests of such species in the Convention Area by all Members.
10. This management measure shall expire and be replaced by the measure to be adopted by the Commission based on the advice and recommendations from the Scientific Committee. [This](#)

¹ Paragraph 3 applies to Russia and Japan

management measure enters into force on 1 June 2026 and replaces CMM 2025-11 (for sardine).

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