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**North Pacific Fisheries Commission**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Small Scientific Committee on Neon Flying Squid**  
**28-30 July 2026**  
**Tokyo, Japan (hybrid)**

**Provisional Agenda**

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda Item 3. Review of Commission meeting updates related to NFS

Agenda Item 4. Updates on Members' fishery

4.1 Review of 2025 fishery status (3rd NFS SSC) and preliminary reports on the ongoing 2026 fishing season

Agenda Item 5. Review and updates of biological information for NFS

5.1 Development of a common sampling protocol for age and size data collection by interested members

Agenda Item 6. Updates on surveys and fishery-independent abundance indices

6.1 Presentation about survey prepared by Members (e.g., Japan, China) in advance

6.2 Discussion on the feasibility of integrating fishery-independent abundance data into stock assessments in a timely manner

Agenda Item 7. Updates on fishery-dependent abundance indices up to 2025

7.1 Member presentations on CPUE standardization analysis

7.2 Progress on joint CPUE standardization

7.3 Discussion on strategies for the timely integration of fishery-dependent abundance indices into the stock assessment process

Agenda Item 8. Fisheries stock assessment

8.1 Review of progress on the surplus production models

8.2 Discussion of model configurations: cohort structures, input data (standardized CPUE, joint CPUE, survey indices), data weighting strategies, prior distribution selection, climate change impact and other related matters

Agenda Item 9. Review of the SSC NFS Work Plan

Agenda Item 10. Other matters

Agenda Item 11. Recommendation to SC

Agenda Item 12. Adoption of Report

Agenda Item 13. Close of the Meeting