



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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North Pacific Fisheries Commission
1st Meeting of the Small Scientific Committee on Japanese Sardine
26-28 July 2026
Tokyo, Japan (hybrid)

Annotated Indicative Schedule

Date	Time	Activities	Document
26 Jul	8:30-9:00	Registration	
	9:00-10:30	<p>Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting <i>The SSC JS Chair, Dr. Shuya Nakatsuka, will open the meeting. The Host Member (Japan) will welcome participants. Participants will introduce themselves. The Science Manager, Dr. Alex Zavolokin, will outline meeting arrangements.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda <i>The provisional agenda will be reviewed, amended, as appropriate, and adopted.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 3. Review of SC/TCC/Commission meeting updates related to JS <i>The Secretariat will brief participants on the outcomes of SC/TCC/Commission meetings related to JS.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 4. Review of ToR of SSC JS <i>Participants will review the SSC JS Terms of Reference.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 5. Review of Members' fishery status and surveys</p> <p>5.1 Member presentations prepared in advance</p> <p>5.2 Fishery-independent surveys <i>Members will present on their fisheries and research surveys for JS in the Convention Area and adjacent EEZs including most recent information from 2026 (see template for fisheries status information for PS as an example).</i></p>	MIP02, 03
	10:30-11:00	Group picture and morning break	

	11:00-12:30	<p>Agenda Item 6. Review of abundance indices</p> <p>6.1 Presentation on fishery-dependent abundance indices prepared by Members in advance</p> <p>6.2 Presentation on fishery-independent abundance indices prepared by Members in advance</p> <p><i>Members will give presentations on fishery-dependent and fishery-independent abundance indices.</i></p> <p>6.3 Discussion on CPUE Standardization Protocol for Japanese sardine</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss the development of a CPUE standardization protocol for Japanese sardine.</i></p>	
	12:30-13:30	Lunch	
	13:30-15:30	Agenda Item 6. Continued	
	15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
	16:00-18:00	<p>Agenda Item 7. Review of biological information for JS</p> <p><i>Participants will present on biological information for Japanese sardine.</i></p>	

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27 Jul	9:00-10:30	<p>Agenda Item 8. Fisheries stock assessment</p> <p>8.1 Review of existing stock assessments of JS <i>Participants will review stock assessments of JS conducted by Members.</i></p> <p>8.2 Data inventory for stock assessment inputs</p> <p>8.2.1 Data related to catch</p> <p>8.2.2 Abundance indices</p> <p>8.2.3 Biological parameters</p> <p><i>Participants will review data shared by participants in advance and discuss data needs and data gaps. They will update the SC Data Call for 2026-2027.</i></p>	
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	<p>8.3 Discussion of stock assessment model for JS <i>Participants will discuss potential stock assessment models for JS.</i></p> <p>8.4 Recommendations for future work <i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i></p>	
	12:30-13:30	Lunch	
	13:30-15:30	<p>Agenda Item 9. Review of the SSC JS Work Plan</p> <p>9.1 Review and update of the SSC JS Work Plan <i>The Chair will present a draft SSC JS work plan for review and adoption.</i></p>	
	15:30-16:00	Afternoon break	
	16:00-18:00	<p>Agenda Item 10. Other matters</p> <p>10.1 Next SSC JS meetings <i>Participants will discuss next meetings of the SSC JS in 2026 and 2027.</i></p> <p>10.2 Table of activities and timeline <i>The Secretariat will present a draft table of activities and timeline for the SSC JS. It will be</i></p>	

		<p><i>reviewed by participants and annexed to the meeting report.</i></p> <p>10.3 Invited expert <i>The SSC JS will define tasks for an invited expert in 2026-2027.</i></p> <p>10.4 Other <i>Participants will review the species summary for JS updated by the Chair and Secretariat.</i> <i>The Secretariat will give an update on the FAO 3-alpha code for JS.</i> <i>The Secretariat will inform participants about requests from SC/COM, including Members' sampling programs for transshipped catch, research on climate change impacts on JS and science-based options for operationalizing precautionary approach. Participants will discuss how to address the above requests.</i></p>	IP01
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28 Jul	9:00-10:30	<p>Agenda Item 11. Recommendations to the Scientific Committee <i>The SSC JS will make recommendations to the Scientific Committee.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 12. Adoption of Report <i>The report of the meeting will be prepared, reviewed and adopted by consensus.</i></p>	
	10:30-11:00	Morning break	
	11:00-12:30	<p>Agenda Item 12. Continued</p> <p>Agenda Item 13. Close of the Meeting <i>The Chair will make concluding remarks and close the meeting.</i></p>	
	18:30-20:30	Reception	