

**NPFC CMM 15-01**

**NPFC CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

**INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS FOR VESSEL REGISTRATION**

The North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC),

**Recalling** Article 4 of the Agreement to Promote Compliance with International Conservation and Management Measures by Fishing Vessels on the High Seas of 24 November 1993 that stipulates to maintain a record of fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag and authorized to be used for fishing on the high seas, and to take such measures as may be necessary to ensure that all such fishing vessels are entered in that record,

**Recognizing** Article 7, paragraph 2 (d) of the Convention regarding the establishment of appropriate cooperative mechanisms for effective monitoring, control and surveillance to ensure enforcement of the conservation and management measures adopted by the Commission including mechanisms to prevent, deter and eliminate IUU fishing,

**Reaffirming** that Article 13, paragraph 1 of the Convention that members of the Commission shall take necessary measures to ensure that fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag operating in the Convention Area comply with the provisions of the Convention and measures adopted pursuant to the Convention and such vessels do not engage in any activities that undermine the effectiveness of such measures and do not conduct unauthorized fishing activities within areas under national jurisdiction of another State adjacent to the Convention Area,

**Also reaffirming** that Article 13, paragraph 2 of the Convention that no members of the Commission shall allow any fishing vessel entitled to fly its flag to be used for fishing activities in the Convention Area unless it has been authorized to do so by the appropriate authority or authorities of that member of the Convention. Each member of the Commission shall authorize the use of vessels entitled to fly its flag in the Convention Area only where it is able to exercise effectively its responsibilities in respect of those vessels under this Convention, the 1982 Convention and the 1995 Agreement,

**Adopts** the following conservation and management measures in accordance with Article 7, Article 13, paragraph 8 and Article 15 of the Convention:

For the purpose of the effective implementation of the Convention, each member of the Commission shall:

1. Maintain a record of fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag and authorized to be used for fishing activities in the Convention Area in accordance with the information requirements in the Annex,
2. Provide annually by the end of February (same with the proposed deadline for Annual Reports) to the Commission, information in the Annex with respect to each fishing vessel entered in the record required to be maintained under the above paragraph and shall promptly notify the Commission of any modifications to this information,
3. Provide to the Commission, as part of the annual report required pursuant to Article 16 of the Convention, the names of the fishing vessels entered in the record that conducted fishing activities during the previous calendar year.
4. Also inform the Commission promptly of:
  - (a) any additions to the record; and
  - (b) any deletions from the record, specifying which of the following reasons is applicable:
    - (i) the voluntary relinquishment of the fishing authorization by the fishing vessel owner or operator;
    - (ii) the withdrawal or non-renewal of the fishing authorization issued in respect of the fishing vessel under Article 13 paragraph 2 of the Convention;
    - (iii) the fact that the fishing vessel concerned is no longer entitled to fly its flag;
    - (iv) the scrapping, decommissioning or loss of the fishing vessel concerned; or
    - (v) any other grounds, with a specific explanation provided.

The Commission shall:

5. Maintain its own record of the vessels based on the information provided to it pursuant to the above paragraphs 1-4 and make the record publicly available.
6. Also provide to any member of the Commission, upon request, information about any vessel entered on the Commission record that is not otherwise publicly available.

## Vessel Information Requirements

- a). Name of fishing vessel, registration number, previous names (if known), and port of registry;
- b). Name and address of owner or owners;
- c). Name and citizenship of master;
- d). Previous flag (if any);
- e). International Radio Call Sign;
- f). Vessel communication types and numbers including, when available, any satellite-based telephony or data services/devices;
- g). Side view color photograph of vessel showing full length of vessel and vessel name and markings;
- h). Where and when built;
- i). Type of vessel, as specified in standard abbreviations under the current FAO International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishery Vessels by Vessel Types (ISSCFV);
- j). Normal crew complement;
- k). Type of fishing method or methods, as specified in standard abbreviations under the current FAO International Standard Statistical Classification of Fishing Gear (ISSCFG);
- l). Length, including type of length and unit of measurement;
- m). Depth, including type of depth and unit of measurement;
- n). Beam, including type of beam and unit of measurement;
- o). Gross register tonnage, or gross tonnage (specify which);
- p). Power of main engine or engines, including unit of measurement;
- q). The nature of the authorization to fish granted by the flag State, such as type or method of fisheries authorized and main target species;
- r). Fish hold capacity, in cubic meters\*;
- s). Freezer type and capacity, including unit of measurement\*.

\*At this time, China is unable to collect information for items r) and s) listed in the Annex of Vessel Information Requirements consistent with the domestic regulations of China. China will make efforts to improve the corresponding regulations to meet the requirements by NPFC.