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**North Pacific Fisheries Commission**  
**7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Small Scientific Committee on Pacific Saury**  
**8-11 October 2021**  
**WebEx**

**Provisional Agenda**

Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting

Agenda Item 2. Adoption of Agenda

Agenda Item 3. Overview of the outcomes of previous NPFC meetings

- 3.1 SSC PS06, SC05 and SCsm01 meetings
- 3.2 COM06 meeting
- 3.3 Joint SC-TCC-COM working group on MSE for Pacific saury (WG MSE)

Agenda Item 4. Review of the Terms of References of the SSC PS and existing protocols

- 4.1 Terms of References of the SSC PS
- 4.2 CPUE Standardization Protocol
- 4.3 Stock Assessment Protocol

Agenda Item 5. Review of Member's fishery status including 2021 fishery

Agenda Item 6. Biological and environmental information relevant to Pacific saury

- 6.1 Review of new biological information
- 6.2 Review of environmental information relevant to Pacific saury distribution and migration
- 6.3 Distribution and migration patterns of juvenile Pacific saury
- 6.4 Recommendations for future work

Agenda Item 7. Review of the statistical data available

- 7.1 Annual catch
- 7.2 Size and age composition
- 7.3 Others

Agenda Item 8. Review of fishery-independent abundance indices

- 8.1 Review of outcomes of Japanese biomass survey including 2021 estimate
- 8.2 Conclusion as inputs for stock assessments
- 8.3 Plans for future surveys by Members
- 8.4 Recommendations for future work

Agenda Item 9. Review of fishery-dependent abundance indices

- 9.1 Member's CPUE standardization up to 2020 fishery
- 9.2 Joint CPUE standardization up to 2020 fishery
- 9.3 Recommendations for future work

Agenda Item 10. Stock assessment using “provisional base models” (BSSPM)

10.1 Review of the key considerations and recommendations from the SCsm01 meeting

10.2 Specification of models

10.3 Workplan and timeline until the SSC PS08

Agenda Item 11. New stock assessment models

11.1 Specification of models and development of software

11.2 Workplan and timeline until the SSC PS08

Agenda Item 12. Toward setting of biological reference points (RPs) and development of Management Strategy Evaluation (MSE)

12.1 Initial discussions on RPs and MSE

12.2 Recommendations for future work

Agenda Item 13. Other matters

13.1 Draft agenda and priority issues for next meeting

13.2 Other

Agenda Item 14. Adoption of Report

Agenda Item 15. Close of the Meeting