

Five-year Work Plan to implement NPAFC/NPFC Memorandum of Cooperation (MOC)
(endorsed by NPFC and NPAFC in 2023)

Exchange of data and information in accordance with the information-sharing and data confidentiality policies of each Commission;

- Create a SharePoint inter-commission communication system to share news, reports, guideline documents, and other information relevant to the management of the mutual area of interest in an easily accessible form.

Timeline	Deliverables	Milestones
August 2023– June 2024	NPAFC/NPFC Sharepoint Terms of Reference to describe structure, capabilities, access rights, and control issues NPAFC/NPFC Sharepoint service in a test mode NPAFC/NPFC Sharepoint service in full operational mode	Terms of Reference (ToR) agreed by both commissions – September 15, 2023 Test mode – December 31, 2023 Full operational mode – June 30, 2024

- Establish a mechanism of general information exchange (e.g., MCS activity information, fleet activity information, map of catch and fishing efforts).

Timeline	Deliverables	Milestones
August 2022– December 2023	NPAFC/NPFC communication and information exchange plan Regular mutual email conferences to exchange MCS and enforcement activities information	A plan agreed by the commissions – First half of 2023 Summer–autumn of 2023

2022–2025	NPFC historical footprint (catch and fishing efforts) of the fisheries	Pacific saury, Japanese sardine, chub and blue mackerels, Japanese flying squid, neon flying squid, North Pacific
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	<p>Annual data reporting/sharing of Pacific salmon as by-catch by NPFC fishing vessels (voluntary)</p> <p>Interactive Mapping System (IMS) for the INPFC/NPAFC High-Seas Salmonid Tag-Recovery Database</p>	<p>armorhead, splendid alfonsino – <i>available on the NPFC website</i></p> <p>IMS in a test mode with limited access – May 2023. IMS in full operational mode – May 2024</p>
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- Establish a practice of sharing information on suspicious fishing vessels identified in overlapping convention areas including stateless vessels and unregistered vessels.

Timeline	Deliverables	Milestones
August 2023– June 2024	Vessel of Interest folder which has been treated as confidential at the NPAFC /NPFC Sharepoint	Vessel of Interest folder description is included in the ToR agreed by the commissions – September 15, 2023 Vessel of Interest information is included in the folder – June 30, 2024

Collaboration on research efforts relating to stocks and species of mutual interest, including stock assessments;

- Implement Pan-Pacific research survey plans in winter 2022, organize a comprehensive study of its outcome at the special session of the IYS Synthesis Symposium.

Timeline	Deliverables	Milestones
August 2021– February 2022	<p>NPFC suggestions to the NPAFC Pan-Pacific High Seas Research Expedition cruise plans.</p> <p>NPFC participation in the country leads meetings to coordinate/contribute to the Expedition plans</p>	<p>NPFC proposal submitted to the NPAFC – November 2021</p> <p>NPFC Science Manager / Scientific Committee Chairperson participates in the country leads meetings in August 2021–February 2022</p> <p>NPAFC presented a report on the expedition finding after its completion in 2022</p>

- Coordinate research activities identified in the NPFC/PICES and NPAFC/PICES Frameworks for Enhanced Scientific Cooperation in the North Pacific Ocean.

Timeline	Deliverables	Milestones
October 2023– May 2025	Coordination of research activities identified in the NPFC/PICES and NPAFC/PICES Frameworks	

Implementation of conservation and management measures for stocks and species of mutual interest;

- Establish a mechanism to share the IUU vessel list of each Commission and its related information.

Timeline	Deliverables	Milestones
August 2021– May 2023	Accessible links to the NPAFC and NPFC IUU vessel list on both Commissions' website	NPAFC is developing the IUU vessel listing process with a study group, and the NPAFC IUU vessel list is expected to be established for the first time – May 2023

- Expand cooperation to collect and share information relating to species of special interest for each Commission.

Timeline	Deliverables	Milestones
August 2021– December 2025	Information exchange on research cruise plans that can collect information on Pacific salmon and NPFC priority species Mutual scientific documents and publications on Pacific salmon and NPFC priority species distribution, relationships, and potential impact	Lists of scientific cruise plans are exchanged – May 2022 NPAFC/NPFC/PICES Topic Session (or Workshop) on this issue is proposed for October 2023 at the PICES Annual Meeting Mutual scientific documents and publications on Pacific salmon and NPFC priority species are published in 2023–2025

- Develop, publish, and distribute public information about conservation on the high seas and consequences of IUU activity.

Timeline	Deliverables	Milestones
2021–2025	News releases and journal articles on the Commissions activities related to high seas resources conservation, MCS, and law enforcement	Secretariats annually exchange information on the relevant publications