



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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North Pacific Fisheries Commission
 12th Meeting of the Small Scientific Committee on Pacific Saury
 11–14 December 2023
 Nanaimo, British Columbia, Canada

Annotated Indicative Schedule

| Date | Time | Activities | Document |
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| 11 Dec | 8:30-9:00 | Registration | |
| | 9:00-10:30 | <p>Agenda Item 1. Opening of the Meeting <i>The SSC PS Chair, Dr. Toshihide Kitakado, will open the meeting.</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. Overview of the outcomes of previous NPFC meetings 3.1 SSC PS11 3.2 SWG MSE PS04 3.3 COM07 <i>The Chair and Secretariat will brief participants on the outcomes of previous NPFC meetings and documents relevant to Pacific saury: SSC PS11, SWG MSE PS04, COM07 and intersessional meetings.</i></p> <p>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 <i>Participants will review and revise, if necessary, the Terms of References of the SSC PS and the existing protocols for CPUE standardization and stock assessment.</i></p> <p>Agenda Item 5. Member’s fishery status including 2023 fishery <i>Each Member will make a presentation on its Pacific</i></p> | <p>MIP02, 03.</p> <p>Reports are available on the website. WP04.</p> <p>TOR and Protocols are available on the website.</p> <p>IP01. IP02-06.</p> |

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| | | <i>saury fisheries operated in the NPFC Convention Area and adjacent EEZs including recent information from 2023 (see the template for fisheries status information). The Secretariat will report on the total catch of Pacific saury including 2023 catch based on Members' weekly reports.</i> | |
| 10:30-11:00 | Morning break | | |
| 11:00-12:30 | Agenda Item 5. (Continued) Agenda Item 6. Fishery-independent abundance indices <i>Participants will review updates and relevant information from Japan on fishery-independent abundance indices.</i> | | |
| 12:30-14:00 | Lunch | | |
| 14:00-15:30 | Agenda Item 7. Fishery-dependent abundance indices <i>Participants will review updates on fishery-dependent abundance indices.</i> | | |
| 15:30-16:00 | Afternoon break | | |
| 16:00-18:00 | Agenda Item 8. Biological information on Pacific saury <i>Participants will present updated biological information on Pacific saury, if any.</i> | | |

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| 12 Dec | 9:00-10:30 | Agenda Item 9. Stock assessment using “provisional base models” (BSSPM) 9.1 Retrospective patterns and scaling issue 9.2 Model validation (model runs and retrospective analyses by Members using the same data and priors) 9.3 Process error assumptions <i>Participants will present and discuss the results of their analyses on the issues identified at the previous SSC PS meeting to improve BSSPMs.</i> | WP06. WP05. |

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| | 10:30-11:00 | Morning break | |
| | 11:00-12:30 | Agenda Item 9. Continued | |
| | 12:30-14:00 | Lunch | |
| | 14:00-15:30 | <p>Agenda Item 10. New stock assessment models</p> <p>10.1 Data available</p> <p><i>Participants will report on the most recent available data.</i></p> <p>10.2 Review of progress on new stock assessment models</p> <p>10.2.1 Stock Synthesis 3</p> <p>10.2.2 State-space age-structured model</p> <p>10.2.3 Other models (if any)</p> <p><i>Participants will review updates on stock assessment models submitted by Members previously and consider other stock assessment models, if any.</i></p> <p>10.3 Finalization of specification for new stock assessment models</p> <p><i>Participants will finalize the specification for new stock assessment models.</i></p> <p>10.4 Recommendations for future work</p> <p><i>Participants will make recommendations for future work.</i></p> | <p>WP07.</p> <p>WP02.</p> |
| | 15:30-16:00 | Afternoon break | |
| | 16:00-18:00 | Agenda Item 10. Continued | |

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| 13 Dec | 9:00-10:30 | <p>Agenda Item 11. Progress on development and evaluation of an interim harvest control rule (HCR) as a short-term task</p> <p>11.1 Review of conditioning of operating models (OMs)</p> <p><i>Participants will review conditioning of operating</i></p> | WP03, 08. |

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| | | <p><i>models conducted intersessionally.</i></p> <p>11.2 Review of candidate harvest control rules (HCRs)</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss and make recommendations on harvest control rules.</i></p> <p>11.3 Recommendations to the SWG MSE PS05</p> <p><i>Participants will make recommendations to the SWG MSE PS.</i></p> | |
| | 10:30-11:00 | Morning break | |
| | 11:00-12:30 | Agenda Item 11. Continued | |
| | 12:30-14:00 | Lunch | |
| | 14:00-15:30 | <p>Agenda Item 12. Development of recommendations to improve conservation and management of Pacific saury stock</p> <p><i>Participants will discuss recommendations to improve conservation and management of Pacific saury stock.</i></p> | |
| | 15:30-16:00 | Afternoon break | |
| | 16:00-18:00 | <p>Agenda Item 13. Review of the Work Plan of the SSC PS</p> <p>13.1 Work Plan of the SSC PS</p> <p>13.2 NPFC Performance Review recommendations</p> <p><i>Participants will review and revise the Work Plan of the SSC PS taking into account the recommendations from the NPFC Performance Review.</i></p> | WP01. |

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| 14 Dec | 9:00-10:30 | <p>Agenda Item 14. Other matters</p> <p>14.1 Observer Program</p> <p>14.2 Draft agenda, priority issues and timeline for next meeting</p> <p>14.3 Invited expert</p> <p>14.4 Selection of Chair and vice-Chair for SSC PS</p> <p>14.5 Other</p> <p><i>Participants will address other matters including an</i></p> | |

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| | | <i>observer program, priority issues for the next meeting, support from the invited expert and selection of the Chair and vice-Chair for SSC PS.</i> | |
| | 10:30-11:00 | Morning break | |
| | 11:00-12:30 | Agenda Item 15. Consolidated recommendations to the Scientific Committee <i>Participants make recommendations to the Scientific Committee.</i> | |
| | 12:30-14:00 | Lunch | |
| | 14:00-15:30 | Agenda Item 16. Adoption of Report <i>The report of the meeting will be prepared, reviewed and adopted by consensus.</i> | |
| | 15:30-16:00 | Afternoon break | |
| | 16:00-18:00 | Agenda Item 16. Continued Agenda Item 17. Close of the Meeting <i>The Chair will make concluding remarks and close the meeting.</i> | |