
North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission

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NPAFC INTERNATIONAL AWARD FOR SALMON AND STEELHEAD CONSERVATION PRESENTED TO MS. WAKAKO MORRIS

Busan, Republic of Korea (May 20, 2016)—Ms. Wakako Morris, retired Administrative Officer of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC), received the 2016 NPAFC Award at the Commission’s 24th Annual Meeting. Ms. Morris was selected for the award in recognition of her support for the Commission’s operations and her steadfast efforts and leadership contributing to significant advances in international cooperation among the member nations of the Commission.

Ms. Morris had been with the NPAFC Secretariat since the Commission’s establishment in 1993 until her retirement in 2016. Prior to that, she worked at the International North Pacific Fisheries Commission (INPFC) Secretariat since 1986 and was instrumental in transitioning between the INPFC to establishment of NPAFC.

“It has been honour enough to have been a part of such a respected intergovernmental organization as the NPAFC let alone finishing my career with such an honoured award,” Ms. Morris said upon receiving the award. “I thank the Commission and those who nominated and granted me this award. It is very meaningful to me to be recognized in this way.”

In addition to her leadership role in finance and administration, Ms. Morris is recognized for her tireless dedication to increasing effective information sharing among NPAFC-member countries by coordinating efforts of NPAFC’s fisheries enforcement among countries in order to detect IUU fishing in the NPAFC Convention Area.

Established in 2011, the NPAFC Award is given to recognize an individual or group whose sustained and significant contributions in scientific research, enforcement, international cooperation, or management have helped improve the conservation of anadromous salmon and steelhead stocks in the North Pacific Ocean.



Ms. Wakako Morris is the recipient of the 2016 NPAFC Award.

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About NPAFC

The NPAFC is an international organization that promotes the conservation of salmon (chum, coho, pink, sockeye, Chinook, and cherry salmon) and steelhead trout in the North Pacific and its adjacent seas, and serves as a venue for cooperation in and coordination of scientific research and enforcement activities. The NPAFC Convention Area is located in international waters north of 33°N latitude in the North Pacific, Bering Sea, and the Sea of Okhotsk. NPAFC member countries include Canada, Japan, Republic of Korea, Russian Federation, and United States of America.
