

Terms of Reference for the CSRS

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This report summarizes the revisions of the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the CSRS and its sub-groups decided by the CSRS regarding the List of Actions numbers 6, 14, 16, and 21.

1.0 Committee on Scientific Research and Statistics (CSRS) Terms of Reference

Recognizing the primary objective of the Convention is conservation of anadromous populations in the North Pacific Ocean, the purposes of the Committee on Scientific Research and Statistics are:

- to provide the best available scientific information to the Commission on the condition of anadromous populations and, as appropriate, ecologically related species, and their marine ecosystems;
- to promote the acquisition, analysis, and dissemination of scientific information pertaining to anadromous populations and ecologically related species in the ocean;
- to coordinate efforts to conserve anadromous populations in the ocean; and
- to establish an effective mechanism of international cooperation to promote the conservation of anadromous populations in the ocean.

These purposes are achieved in part through the NPAFC Science Plan.

The terms of reference for the committee are pursuant to Articles VII, VIII and IX of the Convention. Other matters may be referred to it by the Commission. In particular, the committee shall, but is not limited to:

Acquire Scientific Knowledge

- (1) review proposed scientific research programs in accordance with Article VII, paragraph 6 of the Convention;
- (2) create sub-committees necessary to carry out the functions of the committee;
- (3) review and coordinate the collection and exchange of scientific data and collection of specimens of anadromous species;
- (4) coordinate and assess scientific studies to ensure the identification of the location of origin of anadromous stocks migrating in the Convention Area and areas adjacent to it;
- (5) ensure the availability of scientific information and views on ecologically-related species, including the impact of by-catches in related fisheries of species of concern designated by the Commission;
- (6) identify ecologically-related species which may be designated by the Commission as being of concern;
- (7) develop appropriate observer programs to collect fishing information in the Convention Area for the purpose of scientific research on anadromous stocks and, as appropriate, ecologically-related species;
- (8) coordinate scientific exchanges, seminars, workshops, field research, and data analyses;
- (9) review and approve reports submitted for publication and make recommendations regarding other reports to be published;
- (10) consider other matters as referred to it by the Commission;

Make Reports and Recommendations to the Commission

- (11) prepare a report annually for the Commission;
- (12) make recommendations to the Commission to avoid or reduce incidental taking of anadromous fish in the Convention Area;
- (13) make recommendations to the Commission for the conservation in the Convention Area of anadromous stocks and ecologically-related species of concern designated by the Commission;
- (14) make recommendations to the Commission on cooperation, as appropriate, with PICES and other relevant international organizations to obtain the best available information, including scientific advice, to further the attainment of the objectives of the Convention;
- (15) make recommendations to the Commission to invite any State or entity not party to the Convention to consult with respect to scientific matters relating to the conservation of anadromous stocks and ecologically-related species.
