

MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

between

THE NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION

and

THE NORTH PACIFIC ANADROMOUS FISH COMMISSION

The North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) and the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC);

RECALLING that the objective of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean is for the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fisheries resources in the Convention Area while protecting the marine ecosystems of the North Pacific Ocean in which these resources occur;

AWARE that the objective of the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean is to promote the conservation of anadromous stocks in the Convention Area and that the Commission established by this Convention may consider matters related to the conservation of ecologically related species in the Convention Area;

NOTING that Article 21 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean requires the NPFC to cooperate with other organizations;

FURTHER NOTING that Article IX of the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean requires the NPAFC to cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant international organizations, inter alia, to obtain best available information, including scientific advice, to further the attainment of the objectives of this Convention;

DESIRING to put in place arrangements to implement Article 21 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean and Article IX of the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean;

HAVE REACHED the following understandings:

1. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The NPFC and the NPAFC will establish and maintain consultation, cooperation and collaboration with respect to matters of common interest to the two organizations, including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- i. exchange of data and information in accordance with the information-sharing and data-confidentiality policies of each Commission;*
- ii. collaboration on research efforts relating to stocks and species of mutual interest, including stock assessments; and*
- iii. implementation of conservation and management measures for stocks and species of mutual interest.*

2. MANNER OF COOPERATION

Cooperation between the NPFC and NPAFC will include:

- i. reciprocal participation as observers in relevant meetings of each Commission, including those of each Commission's subsidiary bodies;
- ii. information sharing about stocks and species of mutual interest including bycatch taking place in either Commission's Convention Areas;
- iii. participation in scientific research activities of mutual benefit to both Commissions;
- iv. development of processes to promote compatibility of relevant conservation and management measures; sharing of compliance information, as appropriate; and as relevant, measures and activities relating to monitoring, control, surveillance;
- v. active and regular exchange of relevant meeting reports, information, research data and results, project plans, documents, and publications regarding matters of mutual interest;
- vi. holding of international workshops and symposia together; and
- vii. other areas as decided by both Commissions.

3. IMPLEMENTATION

In order to implement this Memorandum of Cooperation, an accompanying five-year work plan that identifies key activities to deliver on the strategy during this time period, along with milestones, timelines, and deliverables will be cooperatively developed and mutually decided by the Commissions. The work plan will be reviewed every five years and may be revised at any time with the concurrence of both Commissions.

4. MODIFICATION

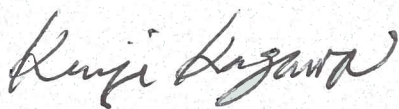
The contents of this Memorandum of Cooperation may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of both Commissions.

5. DISCONTINUATION

Either Commission may discontinue this Memorandum of Cooperation by giving six months prior written notice to the other Commission.

Signed on behalf of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission and the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission

Signed at Portland, Oregon, USA, this day of May 2019.



Mr. Kenji Kagawa
Chairman, NPFC

Date:

May 13, 2019



Dr. Suam Kim
President, NPAFC

Date:

May 13, 2019