

**List of Actions on Prioritized Recommendations from the NPAFC Performance Review Report** Updated June 2017

**Committee on Scientific Research and Statistics (CSRS) Completed in 2014**

Recommendation #	Recommendation by PRC	Decisions by CSRS			
		2011	2012	2013	2014
2	Data in the Statistical Yearbook should be made available in true electronic formats.	The Secretariat will develop options and costs for making data available in electronic form and will develop an implementation plan in cooperation with the WGSA by the 2012 Annual Meeting.	Creation of a single NPAFC statistical data file (1926-2011) to replace the statistical yearbooks and the WGSA time series data files was approved. The task is scheduled to be completed by May 2014. <b>In progress</b>	Work on creating the single NPAFC Statistics data file is ongoing in 2013. <b>In progress</b>	NPAFC Unified Statistical Data Files are uploaded on the Commission's website. <b>Completed</b>
3	Reporting of non-anadromous species in the Statistical Yearbook should be discontinued.	Tables on non-anadromous species in the Statistical Yearbook, i.e., Tables 32-37, on the website and in the hard copy will no longer be included, effective immediately.	Statistical Yearbook tables on non-anadromous species (Tables 32-37) have been eliminated. <b>Completed</b>		
5	Periodic comprehensive overviews and reports of North Pacific salmonid stock status should be continued.	The WGSA agreed to reassessments approximately every 5 years and data updates (not analysis or text) approximately every two years. Next data update is planned for 2012.	Data update was reported in NPAFC Doc. 1422 at the 2012 CSRS meeting. Reassessments will be reported approximately every 5 years and updates reported approximately every 2 years. <b>Completed</b>		
6	The Commission should re-visit and re-assess the CSRS ToR and the need for the current working groups. How do they fit in with the future vision for NPAFC-coordinated research?	The CSRS supports the recommendation. CSRS PoCs with assistance of the Secretariat and in consultation with working groups (WGs) assess the existence of WGs and examine the CSRS and WGs ToRs. The purpose will be a simultaneous implementation of #6, 14, 16, and 21. This includes consideration of a preamble to CSRS ToR, revise the CSRS ToR, associate CSRS agenda items with its ToR; need for current WGs, and creation/updating of ToR for all the sub-committees and WGs. A report will be drafted by the Secretariat in cooperation with the CSRS PoCs and WGs that summarizes the revised structure (if any) of sub-committees and WGs and the updated ToR for the CSRS and WGs. This report will be placed on the CSRS webpage as a working document by mid-September 2012. The working document will be discussed and revised, if necessary, by the CSRS at the 2012 Annual Meeting.	Revised ToR for the CSRS, Science Sub-Committee, and WGs were adopted at the 2012 Annual Meeting. The revised ToR for these groups were listed in Doc. 1441 Appendix 2 and implemented at the close of the 2012 Annual Meeting. The potential WGs reorganization will be considered as appropriate in the future. (See also #14, 16, and 21.)  <b>Completed</b>		

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7	The Commission should re-assess requirements, resources, and commitments to the multiple databases established by the CSRS working groups. Consideration should be given to direct support and housing by the Secretariat.	The CSRS made its decision on moving working-group databases to the Secretariat on a case-by case basis. The CSRS supports moving the INPFC / NPAFC tag release and recovery data files and historical statistical data to the Secretariat. However, the CSRS does not support moving the otolith-mark database currently supported by ADF&G or BASIS databases currently supported by the national Parties to the Secretariat. Converting the tag-recovery data files to a database and determining formats for submission of new data by the WGST should be completed by the 2012 Annual Meeting. The plan for compilation of statistics into a database(s) will be completed by the Secretariat in cooperation with the WGST by the 2012 Annual Meeting. (See #2 above.)	The INPFC/NPAFC disk tag release and recovery data were transferred to the Secretariat in 2012. A plan was approved to transfer archival tag data to the Secretariat by spring 2014. Transfer of statistical data files are described under #2.	The INPFC/NPAFC disk tag release and recovery data are accessible in the Members' Area of the website. The Secretariat has updated the database as documents are submitted.  Work on transfer of data storage tag data files to NPAFC is ongoing in 2013.	The archival tag data are accessible in the Members' Area of the NPAFC website.
			<b>In progress</b>	<b>In progress</b>	<b>Completed</b>
10	The Commission should consider a program to compare at-sea sampling methods and develop conversion factors or at least clarify their differences, in the context of being able to compare results among member States.	Intercalibration of gear and comparisons of at-sea sampling methods is an important and continuing process. Experimental work will continue for specific programs as the need arises. A report on comparisons of at-sea sampling methods that summarizes previous CSRS-related work on this topic is currently available on the web.	A report on comparison of at-sea sampling methods was finalized and available on the NPAFC website. When further experimental work is required for intercalibration of gear for specific programs, it will be done as the need arises.		
			<b>Completed</b>		
14	CSRS Agenda items should be linked with the appropriate ToR.	Implementation of #6, 14, 16, and 21 will be done simultaneously. (See #6 above.)	See #6, 16, and 21.		
			<b>Completed</b>		

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16	The CSRS should seek opportunities to provide advice, both internally and externally, in regards to issues affecting the conservation of anadromous stocks in the Convention Area. In this context, it would be helpful for the CSRS to identify its main “goals” or purposes in relation to the Convention, as a preface to its ToR (i.e., what is the CSRS trying to accomplish?).	Implementation of #6, 14, 16, and 21 will be done simultaneously. (See #6 above.)	See #6, 14, and 21.  <b>Completed</b>		
18	The CSRS should be requested to examine specifically the issue of incidental takes of salmon in the North Pacific to determine if it is an issue, and if so, make recommendations on how these may be mitigated.	The CSRS supported the recommendation in principle, but could not reach a consensus about whether incidental takes of salmon could only be considered within the Convention Area, or if waters adjacent to the Convention Area could also be considered. The Secretariat with the assistance and cooperation of the CSRS PoCs will investigate the ToR for reporting incidental catches within the Convention Area and adjacent waters and report on this information at the 2012 Annual Meeting. A decision will be made at that time about further consideration of this recommendation.	CSRS decided it would be useful for each Party to provide full information of all salmon catches from their fisheries, and identify incidental catches where possible. The Commission adopted the recommendation that the Parties annually provide a full accounting of all catches.  <b>Completed</b>		
21	The ToR and objectives for all CSRS WGs should be made more explicit, as has been done for some but not all CSRS WGs (see Table 2.4 of Performance Review Report). This would provide each WG with a clear set of goals and a clear standard against which progress towards these goals can be determined.	The CSRS supports the recommendation. Implementation of #6, 14, 16, and 21 will be done simultaneously. (See #6 above.)	See #6, 14, and 16.  <b>Completed</b>		

<b>Committee on Enforcement (ENFO)</b>						
<b>Recommendation #</b>	<b>Recommendation by PRC</b>	<b>Decisions by ENFO</b>				
		<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015–2017</b>
24	The Commission should encourage the Parties to become parties to the Agreement on Port State Measures to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing, and ENFO should analyze that applicability of the Agreement to the NPAFC context and provide recommendations to the Commission thereon.	1. Parties will report on their accession to the Agreement at 2012 Annual Meeting.  2. ENFO will analyze the applicability of the Agreement to the NPAFC context and develop necessary recommendations on its implementation by 2013 Annual Meeting.	Each Party will give a proposal at 2013 Annual ENFO Meeting.  <b>In progress</b>	Revisit the issue at 2014 Annual Meeting.  <b>In progress</b>	Revisit the issue at 2015 Annual Meeting.  <b>In progress</b>	Revisit the issue at 2018 Annual Meeting. Republic of Korea acceded to the PSMA in January. USA and Japan deposited their instruments of the PSMA in January 2016 and May 2017 respectively.  <b>In progress</b>
31	The agendas of EECM and ENFO should be reviewed to ensure better rationalization of activities and resources and to avoid the duplication in discussion and reporting that currently occurs.	Depending on the decision at the 2011 Annual Meeting (whether or not to hold Annual Meetings and Interim Meetings together), ENFO will develop recommendations on this issue at 2012 EECM.	EECMs are no longer conducted after 2012.  <b>Completed</b>			
34	ENFO-ToR should be reviewed and updated to better reflect the contemporary enforcement needs of the Commission.	New version of ENFO-ToR will be drafted and presented to the Commission for approval by 2013 Annual Meeting.	This item was combined with #38.  <b>In progress</b>	This item was combined with item #38. New ENFO ToR was adopted.  <b>Completed</b>		

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		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015–2016	2017
36	The Commission should consider the rationale and <i>modus operandi</i> for how best to engage with the new North Pacific RFMO.	Memorandum of Cooperation between the two organizations will be drafted and presented for approval by the Commission tentatively at 2013 Annual Meeting, depending on the time of formation of the new organization.	The organization is not yet formed.  <b>In progress</b>	The organization is formed, but wait until the NPFC Secretariat is in full operation.  <b>In progress</b>	Collaborative enforcement strategy with NPFC will be discussed at the NPFC 2015 Annual Meeting.  <b>In progress</b>	Enforcement collaboration has been proposed to NPFC. Development of collaborative strategy will be discussed at the NPAFC 2017 Annual Meeting.  <b>In progress</b>	It is agreed to attend the NPFC Technical Compliance Meeting as an observer. Collaborative enforcement strategy with NPFC will be discussed at the NPAFC 2018 Annual Meeting  <b>In progress</b>
38	ENFO should be tasked with preparing a study on the possible further contribution of the NPAFC to the implementation of the IPOA-IUU.	The results of a study should be incorporated into a revised ENFO-ToR by 2013 Annual Meeting.	New ToR will be discussed at 2013 ENFO meeting.  <b>In progress</b>	This item was combined with item #34. This issue is incorporated into the new ENFO ToR.  <b>Completed</b>			

**Committee on Finance and Administration (F&A) Completed in 2012**

Recommendation #	Recommendation by PRC	Decisions by F&A	
		2011	2012
39	The Commission should consider amending the terminology used in the Rules of Procedure (RoP) to refer to 'Representatives' as 'Commissioners' or to otherwise clarify RoP 9-11 to bring them into line with current practice.	1. RoP 9-11: no changes will be made. 2. RoP 7 (re-voting): The committee suggested the following amendment: <i>"Commission vote may be cast by any one Representative or alternate Representative from each Party. A committee vote may be cast by a Representative or by an advisor designated for that purpose"</i> . 3. Keep 'Representative', not to change to 'Commissioner'.	<b>Completed</b>
42	The Commission should develop a policy on the provision of interpretation at its meetings for new member states and any possible future cooperating non-contracting parties.	All Parties agreed to develop a policy: <i>"During the meetings of NPAFC, the Commission will use only the languages of the existing Parties of the Commission, i.e., a new member will be provided with the interpretation services for its language if it is other than the current languages. As for non-Contracting Member, the interpretation services or a delegation room at the meetings will not be provided"</i> . Such provision will be reflected in the minutes of the Annual Meeting, not by changing the Rules of Procedure.	<b>Completed</b>
43	The Commission should consider amending RoP 5a to reduce the notice period required for the seating of observers and consider other ways in which to make the Commission more open to individuals or representatives of other organizations.	Change the application deadline from 120 days to 90 days and change the Parties' consideration of the application from 90 days to 30 days.	<b>Completed</b>
44	Consideration should be given to clarifying the use of an uncapitalized 'r' in Staff Rule 22.	Change from "representative" to "Representative."	<b>Completed</b>
46	The Commission should turn its mind to a definitive clarification of RoP 19 (a) and the hiring process for the Deputy Director.	Retain the Status Quo; no changes from the current hiring process for the time being. However, during the process of hiring new Executive Director clarify what is expected of the Deputy Director as acting Executive Director, should the necessity arise.	<b>Completed</b>

Recommendation #	Recommendation by PRC	Decisions by F&A	
		2011	2012
47	The Commission should establish a publications committee to review the efficacy and format of Commission publications and the website in order to fully consolidate the gains to be achieved by the increasing use of electronic and online publishing possibilities.	Create a Publication Policy Working Group (PPWG), which will consist of one representative from ENFO and F&A, and two from CSRS. The working group will be under the auspices of the Secretariat. Since the majority of the issues will be CSRS-related, the Deputy Director will be in charge of the group from the Secretariat.	PPWG was created (Doc. 1442 Appendix 4).  <b>Completed</b>
49	Consideration should be given to increasing the IT capacity, both in terms of physical hardware and in terms of personnel, within the Secretariat.	IIS and Otolith Database will remain in Russia and ADF&G, USA respectively. Another database to be placed in the Secretariat will be transferred without having to increase physical hardware. Temporary IT personnel may be hired for short-term projects.	See #51  <b>Completed</b>
50	Professional assistance should be engaged to properly address the issue of publicity for the Commission and to ensure maximum public relations gains.	The Secretariat will deal with this issue in-house, coordinating with the new Chairperson of the F&A to clarify goals and objectives.	Goals and objectives were clarified. Future issues will be combined with PPWG (#47).  <b>Completed</b>
51	The Parties should consider increasing administrative support within the Secretariat to meet the increasing demands being made on Secretariat staff and to ensure the Secretariat's ability to carry out strategic projects of importance to the Commission.	Defer the decision until the 2012 Annual Meeting with more detailed explanation from the Secretariat regarding hiring additional staff, cost, timing, and cost of transfer/conversion of database(s) requested by CSRS.	Hiring of an additional staff was approved.  <b>Completed</b>
53	The F&A should establish a working group to examine the mid- to long-term translation and interpretation needs of the Commission and the financial implications thereof.	The committee considered such a step to be unnecessary at this time.	  <b>Completed</b>
54	The Commission should consider the establishment of a working group to consider its future and clearly articulate its objectives and goals for the future. In doing so, the Parties should consider prioritizing current and future expenditures to focus on core Commission activities, rather than curtailing those core activities.	It was agreed that no working group is necessary, but that this item should be on the agenda of each committee at future meetings.	  <b>Completed</b>

### **Abbreviations for CSRS**

ADF&G: Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
BASIS: Bering-Aleutian Salmon International Survey  
INPFC: International North Pacific Fisheries Commission  
PoC: Points of Contact  
PRC: Performance Review Committee  
ToR: Terms of Reference  
WGs: Working Groups  
WGSA: Working Group on Stock Assessment  
WGST: Working Group on Salmon Tagging

### **Abbreviations for ENFO**

EECM: Enforcement Evaluation and Coordination Meeting  
IPOA-IUU: International Plan of Action to Prevent, Deter and Eliminate Illegal, Unreported and Unregulated Fishing  
NPFC: North Pacific Fisheries Commission  
PRC: Performance Review Committee  
PSMA: Port State Measures Agreement  
RFMO: Regional Fisheries Management Organization  
ToR: Terms of Reference

### **Abbreviations for Committee F&A**

ADF&G: Alaska Department of Fish and Game  
IIS: Integrated Information System  
PPWG: Publication Policy Working Group  
PRC: Performance Review Committee  
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