



**NORTHERN COMMITTEE  
EIGHTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

ELECTRONIC MEETING  
8am-12am, 4-6 October 2022, Japan Standard Time

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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**WCPFC-NC18-2022/03**

**AGENDA ITEM 1    OPENING OF MEETING**

**1.1    Opening of meeting**

The Chair Masanori Miyahara (Japan) will open the Eighteenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC18) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), held electronically during 4 – 6 October 2022.

**1.2    Adoption of agenda**

The Chair will introduce the Provisional Agenda, WCPFC-NC18-2022/02. Any other matters raised here can be discussed under Agenda Item 4.2 (Other business).

**1.3    Meeting arrangements**

The Chair will ask the Secretariat to brief the virtual meeting arrangements to support meeting participants to be familiar with the virtual meeting process.

**1.4    Report from ISC and SC**

**1.4.1    Report from ISC**

NC18 will review the Report of the 22<sup>nd</sup> Plenary Meeting of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC22).

**1.4.2    Report from SC**

NC18 will review key outcomes from the 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Scientific Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM 2    CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

**2.1    Pacific bluefin tuna (CMM 2021-02)**

According to the *Work Programme for the Northern Committee*, NC tasks for 2022 include:

- a) Review the compiled members' reports and identify and rectify shortcomings;
- b) Review the 2022 stock assessment results and other work results from the ISC and recommend any necessary changes to CMM;
- c) Work in the JWG to further develop harvest strategy through identification of performance criteria to evaluate candidate LRPs, TRPs, and HCRs;
- d) Explore means of supporting the MSE and its oversight by the JWG, including funding and in-kind support; and
- e) Develop CDS based on the inputs from members and recommendations of the JWG, including a draft CMM.

NC18 will review the outcomes of the JWG-07 meeting and adopt results as needed.

## **2.2 North Pacific albacore (CMM 2019-03)**

According to the *Work Programme for the Northern Committee*, NC tasks for 2022 include:

- a) Review the compiled members' reports and identify and rectify shortcomings;
- b) Based on MSE results, consider retention or modification of LRP and consider adoption of TRP; and
- c) Recommend any necessary changes to CMM.

### **2.2.1 Reports from CCMs and Observers**

NC18 will review the compiled members' reports on catch and effort data based on CMM 2019-03 (CMM for NP albacore) and identify any remaining queries and rectify potential shortcomings.

### **2.2.2 Interim Harvest Strategy for North Pacific Albacore Fishery (HS 2017-01)**

NC18 will review any progress, if available, of ISC's management strategy evaluation (MSE) process, and discuss collectively how to advance the process of the ISC's MSE process and provide recommendations to ISC for further development and completion of the MSE process.

### **2.2.3 Review of the CMM 2019-03**

NC18 will review the effectiveness of the CMM, and any proposals, if available, for amending CMM 2019-03 as appropriate.

## **2.3 North Pacific swordfish**

According to the *Work Programme for the Northern Committee*, NC18 will consider and recommend appropriate TRP and associated HCR, and review any proposal on CMM to develop a draft CMM for North Pacific Swordfish.

## **AGENDA ITEM 3 FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME**

### **3.1 Work Programme for 2023-2025**

NC18 will review, and revise as needed, the *Work Programme for the Northern Committee*.

## **AGENDA ITEM 4 OTHER MATTERS**

**4.1 Election of Officers**

NC18 will consider the appointment of the Chair and vice-Chair.

**4.2 Next meeting**

The date and place for the Nineteenth Regular Session of the NC will be agreed.

**4.3 Other business**

**AGENDA ITEM 5 CLOSE OF MEETING**