

NORTHERN COMMITTEE Second Regular Session

11-13 September 2006 Tokyo, Japan

NOTICE OF MEETING AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

WCPFC/NC2/01 13th June 2006

In accordance with the Commission Rules of Procedure, Members are invited to attend the Second Meeting of the Northern Committee (NC2) of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

The NC2 meeting will occur in Tokyo, Japan, 11-13 September 2006. The venue of the meeting will be the MAFF's meeting room #5 at 8F of the IINO Building.

Agenda

In accordance with Rules of Procedure, the following provisional agendas have been prepared.

- provisional agenda (WCPFC/NC2/03);
- provisional annotated agenda (WCPFC/NC2/04)
- indicative schedule for the meeting (WCPFC/NC2/05);

The inclusion of any supplementary items in the agenda accompanied by a written explanation may be requested at least thirty days before the meeting, this is by 11 August 2006. These documents will also shortly be available at www.wcpfc.org on the Meetings page.

Observers

In accordance with Rule 6 and 36 of the Rules of Procedure for the Commission Members, Co-operating Non Members, Observers and others desiring to participate are respectfully requested to advise the Secretariat of contact details for official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives and advisers at the earliest opportunity.

Visa requirements

Visitors from the following WCPFC Members require visas to enter Japan (further information: http://www.mofa.go.jp/j_info/visit/visa/index.html).

China	Cook Islands	Fiji	Kiribati
Marshall Islands	Micronesia	Nauru	Niue
Parau	Philippines	PNG	Samoa
Solomon Islands	Tonga	Tuvalu	Vanuatu

Climate

It will be late summer in Tokyo so the climate is expected to be warm.

Accommodation options

Participants are free to make their own hotel arrangements. Suggestions include:

Hotel Name	Contact details	Rate
Capitol Tokyu		
Hotel	Phone: 81-3-3581-4511	S: JPY 30,030
	Fax: 81-3-3581-5822	T: JPY 38,115
(20 min. walk)	Web page: http://www.capitoltokyu.com/english/index.html	
Hotel Okura		
	Phone: +81-3-3582-0111	S: JPY 36,750
	Fax: +81-3-3582-3707	T: JPY 38,850
(15 min. walk)	Web page: http://www.okura.com/tokyo/index.html	
Ginza Bellevue	Phone: +81-3-3289-0002	
Hotel	Fax: +81-3-3289-2331	S: JPY 8,300
	Email:	T: JPY 13,900
(20 min. walk)	Web page: http://www.ginza-bellevue.com/en/index.html	
Hibiya Park	Phone: +81-3-3503-0111	
Hotel	Fax: +81-3-3508-0212	S: JPY 8,920
	Web page: http://www.hibiyapark-hotel.com/e-tariff.htm	T: JPY 15,750
(15 min. walk)		

Hotel transfers from Narita

For first-time visitors, Narita is 60 kms from downtown Tokyo. On exiting from immigration and baggage collection proceed directly to the transportation booths across the hall in front to the exit doors. A 1-way limousine bus ticket to all major hotels can be purchased for ¥3,000. For detailed information, please refer to web pages of the hotel.

Meeting Webpage

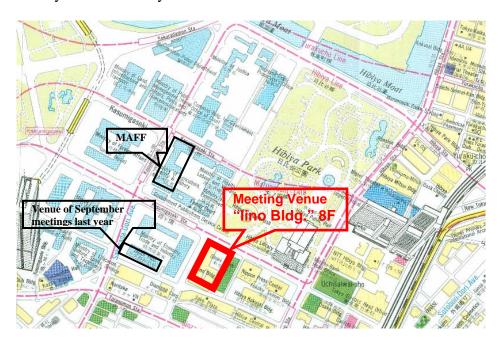
The meeting webpage will be maintained at http://www.wcpfc.org/. The page will be progressively updated as the meeting approaches.

Meeting Venue

The venue for the meeting will be MAFF's meeting room #5 at 8F of Iino Bldg. (2-1-1 Uchisaiwaicho, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo). Options for transfers to and from the meeting venue and hotels include:

Taxi – approximately ¥1,500 one way

Subway - ¥160 one way.



Dress Code

Participants are encouraged to dress neatly and comfortably. A tie is optional.

Registration

Participants are asked to return the completed registration form (WCPFC/NC2/02) to Fisheries Agency of Japan (email: takaaki_suzuki@nm.maff.go.jp Fax: +81-3-3502-0571with copies to wccpfc@mail.fm Fax +691 320 1108) as soon as possible. Registrations submitted in batches by a key contact for each Member/Observer delegation would be appreciated. We are presently working to set up an electronic registration form on the WCPFC website.

Meeting Support

A wireless network will not be available at the meeting venue.

Banking

Foreign exchange facilities are available on arrival at Narita (in the arrivals area on exiting Immigration and baggage collection) and at all hotels.

Airport Departure Tax

Departure tax from Japan is incorporated into most tickets on initial purchase.

Funding for Developing Countries and Territories

Limited funding is available to support four (4) representatives from eligible developing States and participating territories. In relation to FFA members, the WCPFC secretariat will liaise with the FFA secretariat on funding support for two participants to represent FFA developing States. Funding is also available to support one representative from

Philippines and one representative from New Caledonia or French Polynesia or Wallis and Futuna, on behalf of participating territories.

Additional details will be provided in due course. Any queries concerning the second meeting of the Northern Committee should be directed to the Executive Director, Mr Andrew Wright (wcpfc@mail.fm).