



**NORTHERN COMMITTEE  
SEVENTH REGULAR SESSION**  
6-9 September 2011  
Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan

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**NOTICE OF MEETING AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS**

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**WCPFC-NC7/01  
20 June 2011**

In accordance with the Commission Rules of Procedure, Members, cooperating non-Members and Participating Territories (CCMs) are invited to attend the Seventh Meeting of the Northern Committee (NC7) of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean.

The NC7 meeting will take place at Sapporo, Hokkaido, Japan, 6-9 September 2011. The meeting venue will be Sheraton Sapporo Hotel.

**NC7 Meeting Documents**

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

- Notice of Meeting and Meeting Arrangements (WCPFC-NC7-01)
- Provisional Agenda (WCPFC-NC7-02);
- Provisional Annotated Agenda (WCPFC-NC7-03)
- Indicative Schedule (WCPFC-NC7-04)

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 7 August 2011.

Additional meeting documents will shortly be available at WCPFC Meeting page: <http://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/2011/7th-regular-session-northern-committee>. All participants will be individually responsible for downloading their meeting documents and printing them out, as required. Please advise Ms. Lucille Martinez ([Lucille.Martinez@wcpfc.int](mailto:Lucille.Martinez@wcpfc.int)) when registering, of any anticipated difficulties with downloading meeting documents.

**Registration**

All participants are requested to register electronically on the WCPFC website. If that is not possible please print and return the completed registration form to Ms. Lucille Martinez ([Lucille.Martinez@wcpfc.int](mailto:Lucille.Martinez@wcpfc.int)). For those delegations with more than one

participant it would be preferred if registrations could be submitted in one batch by a key contact for that delegation.

### **Observers**

In accordance with Rule 6 and 36 of the Rules of Procedure for the Commission CCMs, Observers and others desiring to participate in the meeting are respectfully requested to advise the Secretariat ([Lucille.Martinez@wcpfc.int](mailto:Lucille.Martinez@wcpfc.int)) of contact details for their official contacts, designated representatives, alternate representatives and advisers for the meeting at the earliest opportunity.

### **Climate**

It will be early fall in Sapporo and the climate is expected to be cool (72/55°F or 22/13°C in September).

### **Visas for Japan**

Participants are required to ask their governments on the status of visa requirements to Japan. There are many websites for the visa information for Japan.

### **Meeting Venue and accommodation options**

The meeting venue will be Sheraton Sapporo Hotel, 5-5-25 Atsubetsuchuo 2Jo, Atsubetsu-ku, Hokkaido 004-0052, Japan (<http://www.sheraton-sapporo.com/>). Participants are responsible for reserving their own accommodation. Other accommodations are also available in around Shin-Sapporo station and Sapporo station. We are now arranging special rates for NC7 participants and will post them soon.

### **Transportation from the New Chitose Airport, Sapporo, to the hotels**

Sheraton Sapporo Hotel is located just 5 minutes walk from JR Shin-Sapporo Station. Transportation from the New Chitose Airport to Sheraton Sapporo Hotel is available by:

- JR Line – take JR Chitose Line to the direction to Sapporo, getting off at Shin-Sapporo Station (850 JPY). Sheraton Sapporo Hotel is 5-minute walk from the station. Approximately 25 minute ride from the airport.
- Taxi – approximately 40 minute drive from the airport (approximately 15,000 JPY including expressway tolls).

### **Funding for Developing Countries and Territories**

Limited funding is available to support three (3) 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 FFA member country participants.

Additional details will be provided in due course. Any queries concerning NC7 should be directed to Dr Ziro Suzuki ([ziro.suzuki@wcpfc.int](mailto:ziro.suzuki@wcpfc.int) or [zsuzuki@affrc.go.jp](mailto:zsuzuki@affrc.go.jp)).