



**NORTHERN COMMITTEE
SIXTEENTH REGULAR SESSION (NC16)**

**ELECTRONIC MEETING
8 October 2020**

NOTICE OF MEETING AND MEETING ARRANGEMENTS

WCPFC-NC16-2020/03

In accordance with the intersessional decision of the Commission in response to the impacts of COVID-19 on global travels and restricted national border entries, the Sixteenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC-NC16) will be held as an Electronic Meeting **at 7:00 am Japan Standard time (JST, or UTC+9) for three (3) hours on 8 (Thursday) October 2020.** The NC16 will be chaired by Mr M. Miyahara.

Virtual platform for NC16

The online meeting platform for hosting the NC16 will be Zoom. For best results Zoom should be installed in your machine. Please visit <https://zoom.us/test> to download and test both Zoom and your internet connection.

The WCPFC Secretariat will host a trial Zoom session prior to the NC16 meeting to check individual connections and assist where possible. The trial session is scheduled to occur on the 2nd October 2020 at 12:00 midday local time in Pohnpei (UTC+11). Please email ITSupport@wcpfc.int to register an interest in the trial and a separate zoom meeting invitation will be provided.

Registration

On-line meeting registration is available at the NC16 meeting site:
<https://www.wcpfc.int/node/45258/registrations>.

All participants are requested to register using this facility in order to participate in the electronic NC16 meeting. Once a participant's registration on the NC16 website is authorized, an invitation email with a link to the virtual NC16 meeting will be sent to the participant's registered email address two days prior to the meeting. If you have already participated in the *Fifth Joint IATTC-NC Working Group Meeting on PBF Management*, the same link will be used to participate in the NC16 meeting.

All CCMs are requested to use the online registration system to approve their delegation. CCMs not familiar with the online approval system can send their official list of delegates to the Secretariat (Lucille.Martinez@wcpfc.int) as early as possible in order for the Secretariat to approve participants in the system. Observers to NC will be approved once verified by the Secretariat. If you have any queries related to registration, please contact Ms Lucille Martinez directly.

All CCMs are strongly requested to register **by Friday, 25 September 2020**.

NC16 Meeting Documents

Provisional agenda for is posted together with this meeting notice. Additional meeting documents will be available on the WCPFC NC16 Meeting page: <https://www.wcpfc.int/meetings/nc16>.

All meeting documents (presentation files, scientific advice from WCPFC-SC and ISTTC-SAC, reports on implementation of WCPFC-CMM / IATTC-Resolution for PBF, and proposals for CMMs or IATTC Resolutions) will be submitted to the Secretariat (sungkwon.soh@wcpfc.int) **by 15 September 2020**.