



**NORTHERN COMMITTEE  
SEVENTEENTH REGULAR SESSION**

ELECTRONIC MEETING  
8am-11am, 5-7 October 2021, Japan Standard Time

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**PROVISIONAL ANNOTATED AGENDA**

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**WCPFC-NC17-2021/03**

**AGENDA ITEM 1    OPENING OF MEETING**

**1.1    Opening of meeting**

The Chair Masanori Miyahara (Japan) will open the Seventeenth Regular Session of the Northern Committee (NC17) of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC), held electronically during 5 – 7 October 2021.

**1.2    Adoption of agenda**

The Chair will introduce the Provisional Agenda, WCPFC-NC17-2021/02. Any other matters raised here can be discussed under Agenda Item 4.3 (Other business).

**1.3    Meeting arrangements**

The Chair will ~~introduce the Indicative Schedule (WCPFC-NC17-2021/04), and~~ ask the Secretariat to brief the Virtual Meeting Protocols (WCPFC-NC17-2021/045) 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**

NC17 will review the Report of the 21<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the International Scientific Committee for Tuna and Tuna-like Species in the North Pacific Ocean (ISC21).

**1.4.2    Report from SC**

NC17 will review key outcomes from the 17<sup>th</sup> Regular Session of the Scientific Committee.

**AGENDA ITEM 2    CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES**

**2.1    Pacific bluefin tuna (CMM 2020-02)**

According to the *Work Programme for the Northern Committee*, NC tasks for 2021 include:

- a) Review the compiled members' reports and identify and rectify shortcomings;
- b) Review the 2020 stock assessment results and recommend any necessary changes to CMM;
- c) Work in the JWG in its oversight of MSE, including further consideration of candidate LRPs, TRPs, and HCRs, and further development of the objectives and performance criteria to be used in the MSE; and
- d) Explore means of supporting the MSE and its oversight by the JWG, including funding and in-kind support.
- e) Review the progress of CDS Working Group tasks.

NC17 will review the outcomes of the JWG-06 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 2021 include:

- a) Review the compiled members' reports and identify and rectify shortcomings;
- b) Continue to support ISC MSE work to complete establishment of TRP and other elements of harvest strategies, if appropriate based on MSE; and
- c) Review the 2020 stock assessment results and recommend any necessary changes to CMM.

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

NC17 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)**

NC17 will review the progress of ISC's management strategy evaluation (MSE) process, and provide recommendations to ISC for further development and completion of the MSE process including the feasibility of convening the 5<sup>th</sup> in-person MSE workshop.

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

NC17 will review the status of North Pacific albacore, report to the Commission on the status of the stock, and make recommendations to the Commission as may be necessary for their effective conservation. In addition, NC will review any proposals, if available, for amending CMM 2019-03 as appropriate (Para 15, NC16 Summary Report).

## **2.3 North Pacific swordfish**

According to the *Work Programme for the Northern Committee*, NC's task for 2021 is to consider and recommend appropriate TRP and associated HCR, and develop a draft CMM. NC17 will review the progress of the NC's task for North Pacific swordfish in 2021.

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

### **3.1 Work Programme for 2022-2024**

NC17 will review, and revise as needed, the *Work Programme for the Northern Committee*.

**AGENDA ITEM 4    OTHER MATTERS**

**4.1    Next meeting**

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

**4.2    Other business**

**AGENDA ITEM 5    CLOSE OF MEETING**