

Memorandum of Understanding between the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

RECOGNIZING that the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC)

- a) exists to promote the conservation of anadromous stocks in the Convention Area of the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean and consider matters related to the conservation of ecologically related species in the Convention Area;
- b) is required to cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant international organizations, inter alia, to obtain best available information, including scientific information, including scientific advice, to further the attainment of the objectives of the Convention;

RECOGNIZING that International Council for the Exploration of the Sea (ICES)

- a) has the mission to advance and share scientific understanding of marine ecosystems and the services they provide and to use this knowledge to generate state-of-the-art advice for meeting conservation, management, and sustainability goals;
- b) exists to promote and encourage research and investigations for the study of the sea, to advance the scientific understanding of marine ecosystems, including its living resources;
- c) seeks to establish and maintain working arrangements with other international organizations and arrangements having related objectives;
- d) has the vision to be a world-leading marine science organization and has the mission to advance and share scientific understanding of marine ecosystems and the services they provide and to use this knowledge to generate state-of-the-art advice for meeting conservation, management, and sustainability goals.

RECOGNIZING the mandatory powers, constraints and obligation under which NPAFC and ICES respectively operate;

DESIRING to put in place a framework for mutual cooperation;

Proposed areas of cooperation:

Establish cooperation on relevant science topics, including the establishment of joint activities and increase exchange and cooperation between NPAFC and ICES working groups, including:

1. To maintain reciprocal consultation and regular contacts on matters of common interest in the fields of diadromous species and fisheries scientific research;
2. To actively and regularly exchange information and documents of current and planned activities, including workshops, symposia and projects, in areas of common interest;
3. Invite reciprocal representation, in observer capacity, of NPAFC and ICES representatives at their annual meetings;
4. To regularly consult and engage on ways in which cooperation between the Parties can be further improved and extended, including joint activities like workshops, symposia and the development of subsidiary bodies, including joint working groups, in areas of common interest;
5. Other areas as decided by both Parties.

Modification

The contents of this Memorandum of Understanding may be modified at any time by the mutual written consent of both Parties.

Discontinuation:

This Memorandum of Understanding should be revised every 5th year. Either Party may discontinue this Memorandum of Understanding by giving six months prior written notice to the other Party. This Agreement neither binds NPAFC nor ICES to provide funds or other resources, of their own property or that of others, nor does it impede the signing of similar agreements with other organizations. Both NPAFC and ICES may request financial support from third parties, in a joint or individual manner, to proceed with cooperation in projects and activities.

Any notice or other communication to NPAFC under this Agreement shall be in writing to the NPAFC Secretariat (secretariat@npafc.org) and addressed to the NPAFC President, Suite 502, 889 West Pender Street, Vancouver, B.C. V6C 3B2, Canada.

Any notice or other communication to ICES under this Agreement shall be in writing to the ICES Secretariat (info@ices.dk) and addressed to the ICES President, H. C. Andersens Boulevard 44-46, DK 1553 Copenhagen V, Denmark.

Signed on behalf of the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission and the International Council for the Exploration of the Sea

Signed:


Jamal Moss (Apr 23, 2024 12:56 AKDT)

Date:

President

North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission

Signed:


William Karp (Apr 23, 2024 07:59 PDT)

Date:

President

International Council for the Exploration of the Sea