

Japanese Proposal for Publication Policy, Joint Projects, and Response to the PICES Proposals

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Abstract

This document summarizes the Japanese proposal for (1) Publication Policy, (2) Joint Projects, and (3) Response to the PICES Proposals. We expect that the Japanese proposal will be discussed at the CSRS.

Publication Policy

1. Publication and CSRS

According to (11) of the interim terms of reference for the committee adopted by the Commission at the Commission's Inaugural Meeting in February 1993, CSRS shall review and approve reports submitted for publication and make recommendations regarding other reports to be published.

2. NPAFC Publications

- 1). NPAFC Bulletin is a publication that contains the scientific papers such as review and original papers submitted to the NPAFC Symposium or workshop and approved by the Editorial Committee formulated by the CSRS. The final decision will be made by the Commission to approve the recommendation by the CSRS. In order to revise the Joint Comprehensive Report published by INPFC, a workshop should be organized and the report should be published as NPAFC Bulletin.
- 2). NPAFC Technical Report is a publication that consists of the extended abstracts submitted to the NPAFC workshop including the co-organized workshop. There are no referees, but the Technical Editor (s) nominated by the CSRS will edit the structure and English of the report. The purposes for the Technical Report are to keep the records of the workshop and to provide information to the public. To avoid conflicts with submissions to NPAFC Bulletin or other scientific journals, the extended abstract should not exceed approximately 800 words in length (exclusive of title, authors' names and affiliations, brief figure captions, summary tables and literature cited), two tables OR two figures OR one figure and one table, and citation of literature is limited to five references (following CJFAS guideline).

3. Language

Although the official languages of the NPAFC are Japanese, Russian and English, the NPAFC Bulletin and Technical Report should be published in English in order to reduce the cost for publication.

Joint Projects

Criteria for Joint Projects requiring Financing from the Commission's working capital fund (1999 Annual Report, p.94)

1. Projects must fall with the Mandate of Commission activities.
2. Project benefits must flow to all contracting parties.
3. Project proposals must highlight the expected benefits that will be realized by contracting parties if the project is funded.
4. Projects are not to include a subsidy or offset of the budgets for normal program operations of each Contracting Party. New projects must not replace ongoing projects approved by each Contracting Party.
5. Projects must improve our understanding of the biology, or promote the sustainability or the protection of Pacific salmon.
6. Projects must be completed within specific timeframes and not be funded on an ongoing basis.
7. Projects must not incur ongoing costs that may become a liability to the Commission.
8. Projects require a consensus of all contracting parties before they can be approved for funding.

Proposal

1. Workshop should be organized in conjunction with the Research Planning and Coordinating Meeting (RPCM) in March every year.
2. Symposium should be organized in conjunction with the Annual Meeting in October or November every three years.
3. These Workshops and Symposium will improve our understanding of the biology, or promote the sustainability or the protection of Pacific salmon.

History

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| 1996 | Oct. | [Syp] Symposium on Assessment and Status of Pacific Rim Salmonid Stocks (Japan) |
| 1998 | March | [WS] Workshop on Climate Change and Salmon Production (Canada) |
| 1999 | Nov. | [Syp] Symposium on Recent Changes in Ocean Production of Pacific Salmon (USA) |
| 2000 | Oct. | [WS] Workshop on Factors Affecting Production of Juvenile Salmon Japan) |

Proposed Schedule

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| 2001 | March | [WS] Otolith marking |
| 2002 | March | [WS] Archival tags |
| | Nov. | [Syp] Joint symposium with NASCO "Conservation of Pacific and Atlantic salmon" (Russia) |
| 2003 | March | [WS] GSI |
| 2004 | March | [WS] Salmon production |
| 2005 | March | [WS] Feeding competition |
| | Nov. | [Syp] Sustainable management of hatchery and wild salmon (Canada) |

Response to the PICES Proposals

1. Proposed document: North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report (NPAFC Doc.464,App.2:14-15)

Proposed cooperating organization: IATTC, IPHC, ISC, NAPFC, PICES

Frequency: 5 year cycle

The Terms of Reference (TR) of the CSRS indicate that (1) review and coordinate the collection and exchange of scientific data and collection of specimens of anadromous species. The Work Plan (WP) based on the TR indicates that (A) report on last year's salmon catches, escapement, and wild and artificial production of juvenile; (B) review results of salmon stock assessment research and the condition of salmon stocks. Based on these TR and WP, the Working Group on Stock Assessment (WGSA member: D. Noakes (C, Chair), M. Fukuwaka/K. Watanabe (J), S. Syniakov (R) , H. Geiger (US)) was formulated and they made a report on "A preliminary look at Pacific salmon catches in 1999" (NPAFC Doc.452, Rev.1). This report is one of the essential parts of the CSRS activities and supported by each Contracting Party. This report is improved and revised by the WGSA members through correspondence. The CSRS will be able to provide this report to the PICES as a part of the North Pacific Ecosystem Status Report.

2. Proposed activity: Series of Salmon and Climate Workshops

Potential collaborating organizations: ICES, NASCO, NPAFC, PICES

The Japanese Party proposed to organize the workshop as the Joint Projects by the Contracting Parties of the NPAFC (see above section: Joint Projects). The proposed workshop will cover several aspects of salmon biology such as otolith marking, archival tags, genetic stock identification, salmon production, and feeding competition. For each workshop, PICES could propose a sub-topic related to climate. Otolith marking seems to be hatchery topics, but the effects of climate or natural oceanographic condition on natural otolith marks could be a good sub-topic. Archival tags will provide oceanographic data and salmon migration is affected by climate and ocean condition. Genetic stock identification also has relationship with climate and ocean conditions, because each salmon stock maybe genetically adapts to the specific climate and ocean conditions. Salmon production and feeding competition also should be examined including the relation with climate and ocean conditions. In conclusion, the NPAFC will welcome the PICES to co-organize the salmon workshop as proposed above.