

**CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE ON THE
INTERIM TRANSHIPMENT PROCEDURES FOR THE
NORTH PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION**

The North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC),

Noting that Article 7, Functions of the Commission, of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of the High Seas Fisheries Resources of the North Pacific Ocean states that the Commission ‘shall adopt measures to ensure effective monitoring, control and surveillance, as well as compliance with and enforcement of the provisions of this Convention’;

And further noting, that Paragraph 2 (a) further states that the Commission shall: ‘establish procedures for the regulation and monitoring of transshipment of fisheries resources and products of fisheries resources taken in the Convention Area, including notification to the Commission of the location and quantity of any transshipment’;

Adopts the following interim conservation and management measure on transshipment procedures for the North Pacific Fisheries Commission:

1. Establish the elements and procedures for the regulation and monitoring of transshipment of fisheries resources or products of fisheries resources taken through bottom fishing (as an initial step), but not including research fishing, in the Convention Area. For the purposes of these procedures, research fishing means fishing activities that are part of a research project approved by the Scientific Committee
2. Procedures for the Monitoring and Regulation of Transshipment of Fisheries Resources and Products of Fisheries Resources Taken in the Convention Area
 - a. The same transshipment reporting procedures will apply to all vessels transshipping fisheries resources and products of fisheries resources that were harvested in the Convention Area, regardless of where the transshipment occurs.

- b. As specified under Article 13, Paragraph 8 of the Convention, the NPFC shall maintain a list of fishing vessels that are authorized to participate in fisheries in the Convention Area, and vessels will be added or removed from the list as necessary. Because transshipping is considered “fishing” under the Convention, vessels not on the list are not authorized to transship fisheries resources and products of fisheries resources in the Convention Area.
- c. The Commission pursuant to the applicable CMM establishing the NPFC vessel registry further establishes an Interim Register of non-Member Carrier Vessels (the “Interim Register”) applicable from 2017 to 2019.

3. Transshipment Monitoring Measures

- a. For transshipments in the Convention Area, offloading and receiving vessels flying the flag of a Member of the Commission (known as the “Member”) must provide advance notice to that Member. The advance notice must contain identification information for the offloading and receiving vessels, information on the product being transshipped, and information on the location of the transshipment.
- b. Within 15 days after a transshipment has occurred, the **offloading** vessel must provide its flag member with a declaration of the transshipment that includes identification information for the offloading and receiving vessels and information on the product transshipped, including bottom fisheries:
 - i) Date and time of commencement of transshipment.
 - ii) Date and time of completion of transshipment.
 - iii) Position at commencement of transshipment (name of port, or if at sea, latitude and longitude to nearest 1/10th of a degree).
 - iv) Position at completion of transshipment (name of port, or if at sea, latitude and longitude to nearest 1/10th of a degree).
 - v) Description of product type by species (e.g. whole, frozen fish in 20 kg cartons).
 - vi) Number of cartons, net weight (kg) of product, by species.
 - vii) Total net weight of product transshipped (kg).
 - viii) Hold numbers in receiving vessel in which product is stowed.
 - ix) If at sea, next destination port of receiving vessel.
 - x) If at sea, next port arrival date estimate.
 - xi) Port(s) and estimate of date(s) transshipped product is expected to be landed.

- c. Within 15 days after a transshipment has occurred, the **receiving** vessel, except when flying the same flag as the offloading vessel, must provide the flag member of the offloading vessel with a declaration of the transshipment that includes identification information about the offloading and receiving vessels and information on the product that was transshipped, including:
- i) Date and time of commencement of transshipment.
 - ii) Date and time of completion of transshipment.
 - iii) Position at commencement of transshipment (name of port, or if at sea, latitude and longitude to nearest 1/10th of a degree).
 - iv) Position at completion of transshipment (name of port, or if at sea, latitude and longitude to nearest 1/10th of a degree).
 - v) Description of product type by species (e.g. whole, frozen fish in 20 kg cartons).
 - vi) Number of cartons, net weight (kg) of product, by species.
 - vii) Total net weight of product transshipped (kg).
 - viii) Hold numbers in receiving vessel in which product is stowed.
 - ix) Port(s) and estimate of date(s) transshipped product is expected to be landed.
 - x) Actual port(s) of landing.

4. Member Reports

Each Member and Cooperating Non-Contracting Party will provide a summary of the data collected in each year's transshipment declarations to the NPFC. The Scientific Committee and the Technical and Compliance Committee will recommend the specific data fields required to be included in the summary. The summary will be provided as an attachment to the Annual Report.