

**CONSERVATIONS AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE FOR CHUB
MACKEREL**

The North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC),

Recognizing the Commission has agreed to undertake a small *ad hoc* workshop for the scientific analysis of chub mackerel stock and its outcomes will be presented to the Scientific Committee (SC) for further discussion in the NPFC;

Reaffirms the General Principles provided in Article 3 of the Convention;

Adopts the following conservation and management measure in accordance with Article 7 of the Convention:

1. Members of the Commission and Cooperating non-Contracting Parties (CNCP) are encouraged to refrain from expansion, in the Convention area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for chub mackerel from the historical existing level until the stock assessment by the SC has been completed.
2. Members of the Commission participating in chub mackerel fisheries in areas under national jurisdiction adjacent to the Convention area are requested to take compatible measures in paragraph 1.
3. Members of the Commission and CNCP shall ensure that fishing vessels flying their flag operating in the Convention Area to fish chub mackerel are to be equipped with an operational vessel monitoring system that is activated at all times.
4. The Commission shall draw the attention of any non-Contracting Party to the Convention to any activity undertaken by its nationals or fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag that have participated in fishing activities for chub mackerel in the Convention Area in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 2 and shall request the non-Contracting Party to take necessary actions in accordance with Article 20, paragraph 3 of the Convention.

5. Members of the Commission and CNCPs shall provide their data on chub mackerel separated by the Convention Area and the areas under national jurisdiction adjacent to the Convention Area in accordance with the data requirements adopted by the Commission in the Annual Report by the end of February, 2017. The Commission shall review such information at the annual meeting of 2017.
6. The SC will complete the stock assessment of chub mackerel as soon as practicable, even if such assessment is provisional, and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission in accordance with Article 10, paragraph 4(b) of the Convention.
7. This management measure shall expire and be replaced by the measure to be adopted by the Commission based on the advice and recommendations from the Scientific Committee.