



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

CMM 2017-08

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**CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURE
FOR PACIFIC SAURY**

The North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC),

Recognizing that Small Scientific Committee (SSC) for Pacific saury and the Scientific Committee (SC) completed the provisional stock assessment including Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) in accordance with the timeframe specified in CMM 15-02;

Following the recommendation by the SC in 2017 that CMM 15-02 is maintained in its current form and fishing efforts in 2018 will not be expanded, or that the Commission develop a new management measure based on the stock status and MSY mentioned in the SC and SSC reports, with a consideration of the uncertainties, and the recommendation by the TCC in 2017 that there is a need to improve the precision of the assessment of compliance with CMM 15-02, and such work should be done intersessionally to allow discussion at the 3rd TCC meeting;

Reaffirming the General Principles, Article 3 of the Convention, in particular, paragraph (b) stipulating that measures are adopted, based on the best scientific information available, to ensure that fisheries resources are maintained at or restored to levels capable of producing maximum sustainable yield, and paragraph (f) stipulating that preventing or eliminating overfishing and excess fishing capacity and ensuring that levels of fishing effort or harvest levels are based on the best scientific information available and do not exceed those commensurate with the sustainable use of the fisheries resources;

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

1. Members of the Commission, not described under Paragraph 2, and that are currently fishing for Pacific saury shall refrain from expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for Pacific saury from the historical existing level.
2. Members fishing for Pacific saury in areas of their jurisdiction that are adjacent to the Convention area shall refrain from rapid expansion, in the Convention Area, of the number of fishing vessels entitled to fly their flags and authorized to fish for Pacific saury from the historical existing level.
3. Members of the Commission participating in Pacific saury fisheries in areas under national jurisdiction adjacent to the Convention Area are, in accordance with relevant provisions of Article 3 of the Convention, requested to take compatible measures in paragraph 2.

4. Members of the Commission shall ensure that fishing vessels flying its flag operating in the Convention area to fish Pacific saury be equipped with an operational vessel monitoring system that is activated at all times.
5. The SC and its subsidiary SSC for Pacific saury will continue their work to improve the current stock assessment and other analysis, and provide advice and recommendations to the Commission at the next Commission meeting in 2018 in accordance with Article 10, subparagraph 4(b) of the Convention.
6. This CMM shall not be a precedent to hinder those Members which presently do not engage in Pacific saury fisheries in the Convention Area to develop their own Pacific saury fisheries in the Convention Area.
7. This CMM is an amendment of the NPFC CMM 15-02 and shall be effective for one year, subject to review at the next Commission meeting in 2018.