

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN  
THE NORTH PACIFIC MARINE SCIENCE ORGANIZATION AND  
THE NORTH PACIFIC ANADROMOUS FISH COMMISSION**

**Recognizing** that the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES), Exists to: (a) promote and coordinate marine scientific research in order to advance scientific knowledge of the area concerned and of its living resources, including but not necessarily limited to research with respect to the ocean environment and its interactions with land and atmosphere, its role in and response to global weather and climate change, its flora, fauna, and ecosystems, its uses and resources, and impacts upon it from human activities; and (b) promote the collection and exchange of information and data related to marine scientific research in the area concerned;

**Recognizing** that the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) exists to: (a) promote the conservation of anadromous stocks in the Convention Area; and (b) consider matters related to the conservation of ecologically related species in the Convention Area;

**Recognizing** the mandatory powers, constraints and obligations under which PICES and NPAFC respectively operate;

**Desiring** to provide a framework for mutual cooperation;

**PICES and NPAFC**, hereinafter called "the Parties", have agreed to the following:

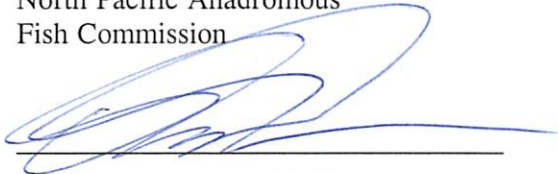
1. To maintain reciprocal consultations and regular contacts on matters of common interest in the field of marine scientific research;
2. To regularly exchange information, documents, and publications relating to program and project plans and to the results of activities agreed by the Parties to be of mutual interest, joint or otherwise.
3. To invite each other to be represented, in an observer capacity, at meetings of common interest, to the extent that this is possible within their respective working procedures.

4. To undertake joint activities, as appropriate, including when agree, the establishment of joint subsidiary bodies or other suitable arrangements, to study and report on matters of common interest;
5. To consult, as appropriate, on ways in which cooperation between them can be further improved and extended. Specific joint programs and activities may be defined through addenda to this agreement;
6. To coordinate the time and place of Annual Meetings to facilitate the work of both Parties;
7. This Memorandum of Understanding (Memorandum) shall enter into force upon signature of the person duly authorized by each Party and shall remain in force unless either Party withdraws pursuant to paragraph 8 below;
8. The terms of the Memorandum may be revised by the Parties if they both agree. The Memorandum shall continue on the basis of the existing terms until new terms have been agreed;
9. Either Party may withdraw from the Memorandum at any time subject to giving one year's written notice to the other Party.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being duly authorized thereto, have signed this Memorandum of Understanding.

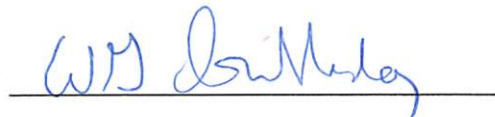
DONE at Moscow, this day of November 1998.

President  
North Pacific Anadromous  
Fish Commission



Date: NOV - 6 1998

Chairman  
North Pacific Marine  
Science Organization



Date: OCT 22 1998