

## MEMORANDUM OF COOPERATION

Between

**THE NORTH PACIFIC ANADROMOUS FISH COMMISSION**

and

**THE WESTERN AND CENTRAL PACIFIC FISHERIES COMMISSION**

The North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC) and the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean (WCPFC);

**RECALLING** that objective of the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean is to promote the conservation of anadromous stocks in the Convention Area and that the Commission established by this Convention may consider matters related to the conservation of ecologically related species in the Convention Area;

**AWARE** that the objective of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean is to ensure, through effective management, the long term conservation and sustainable use of highly migratory fish stocks in the western and central Pacific Ocean;

**NOTING** Article IX of the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Fish Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean which requires the NPAFC to cooperate, as appropriate, with relevant international organizations, *inter alia*, to obtain the best available information, including scientific advice, to further the attainment of the objectives of this Convention;

**FURTHER NOTING** Article 22 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean which requires the WCPFC to cooperate with other organizations;

**DESIRING** to put in place an arrangement to implement Article IX of the Convention for the Conservation of Anadromous Fish Stocks in the North Pacific Ocean and Article 22 of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean;

record the following understandings:

### 1. AREAS OF COOPERATION

The WCPFC and the NPAFC will establish and maintain consultation, co-operation and collaboration in respect to matters of common interest to the two organizations, including, but not limited to, the following areas:

- i. exchange of data and information consistent with the information-sharing policies of each Commission;

- ii. collaboration on research efforts relating to stocks and species of mutual interest, including stock assessments; and
- iii. conservation and management measures for stocks and species of mutual interest.

## 2. MANNER OF COOPERATION

### 2.1 Cooperation between the WCPFC and the NPAFC will include:

- i. reciprocal participation as observers in relevant meetings of each Commission, including those of each Commission's subsidiary bodies;
- ii. information sharing about stocks and species of mutual interest;
- iii. development of process to promote harmonization and compatibility of conservation and management measures as relevant, including measures relating to monitoring, control, surveillance and enforcement; and
- iv. active and regular exchange of relevant meeting reports, information, research data and results, project plans, documents, and publications regarding matters of mutual interest.

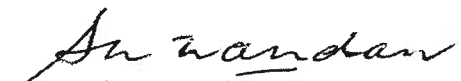
## 3. MODIFICATION

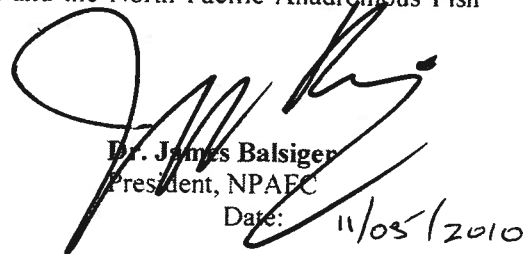
The contents of this Memorandum of Cooperation may be modified by the mutual consent of both Commissions.

## 4. Others

Either commission may terminate the cooperation under this Memorandum of Cooperation by giving six months notice of such intention to the other commission.

Signed on behalf of the Commission for the Conservation and Management of Highly Migratory Fish Stocks in the Western and Central Pacific Ocean and the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission:

  
Ambassador Satya Nandan  
Chairman, WCPFC  
Date: 10/21/2010

  
Dr. James Balsiger  
President, NPAFC  
Date: 11/05/2010

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