

**16th ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES
TO THE CONVENTION ON THE CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT
OF POLLOCK RESOURCES IN THE CENTRAL BERING SEA**

**REPORT OF THE MEETING OF THE SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL
COMMITTEE**

22 August – 14 September 2011 Virtual Process Meeting

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1. Opening of the Meeting

Yoshiaki Hiyama (Japan) served as the Chair of the Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting. A list of the participants is provided in Attachment 1.

2. Appointment of Rapporteur

Orio Yamamura (Japan) served as rapporteur to compile the S&T report. The following individuals served as the contact point from each party for email exchange – the Republic of Korea (Jeong Suk Park), Poland (Jerzy Janusz), the Russian Federation (Alexander Glubokov) and the United States (Pat Livingston), Japan (Orio Yamamura). The People's Republic of China did not participate in the email exchanges.

A copy of the 2010 S&T report can be downloaded from:

<http://www.afsc.noaa.gov/REFM//CBS/Docs/15th Annual Conference/ST Report 2010-25AugFINAL.pdf>

3. Adoption of Agenda

3.1: The agenda (Attachment 2) was adopted.

4. Discussion of Science Issues

4.1. Update catch and effort statistics

4.1.1. The United States and Russian Federation provided updated pollock catch statistics and stock status for the Bering Sea, by region (See Table 1. in http://pckiren5.hnf.affrc.go.jp/16meeting/htdocs/?page_id=15)

4.1.2. No pollock fishery was conducted in 2011 in the central Bering Sea Convention Area.

4.2. Review results of trial fishing

4.2.1. There was no trial fishing reported by the Parties for 2010.

4.3. Review results of research cruises

4.3.1. Russian Federation submitted a report on 2 research cruises: (a) cruise aboard RTMK-S *Vasily Kalenov* to the Northwestern Bering Sea in October - November 2010, and (b) cruise aboard SRTM *ARCTIC LEADER* to the Northwestern Bering Sea in August - September 2010 (available at http://pckiren5.hnf.affrc.go.jp/16meeting/htdocs/?page_id=15).

4.3.2. The United States did not conduct a pollock research cruise in the Bogoslof area in 2011 due to vessel repairs and lack of funding.

4.3.3. Japan did not submit a report on pollock bycatch at the salmon research cruise in the central Bering Sea, due to change in cruise date.

4.4. Review the status of Aleutian Basin pollock stocks

4.4.1. No new information was provided.

4.5. Factors affecting recovery of the stock

4.5.1. No new information was provided.

4.6. The effects of the moratorium and its continuation

4.6.1. No new information was provided.

4.7. Methodologies to determine Allowable Biological Catch (ABC) and Allowable Harvest Level (AHL)

4.7.1. No new information was provided.

4.8. Recommendation on AHL

4.8.1. No new information was provided.

4.9. Research Plans

4.9.1. The United States plans to conduct the next Bogoslof Island pollock survey in 2012

5. Discussion of Enforcement and Management Issues

5.1. Violations of the Convention

5.1.1. No new information was provided.

5.2. Trial fishing terms and conditions for 2011

5.2.1. No new information was provided.

6. Other Issues and Recommendations

6.1. Future Meetings of the Scientific and Technical Committee

The 2012 meeting of the Committee will be held via email exchanges as in 2010 and 2011. The 2012 meeting will be chaired by the Republic of Korea.

7. Report to the Annual Conference

7.1. The Chair of the Scientific and Technical Committee will convey the Scientific and Technical Meeting Report to the Annual Conference.

8. Closing Remarks

Attachment 1. List of Participants

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No one from China participated in the S&T exchange.

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Attachment 2. Agenda for the Scientific and Technical Committee Meeting

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