NPFC

North Pacific Fisheries Commission

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PACIFIC SAURY CLOSURE

Dear Members:

Pursuant to the Conservation and Management Measure for Pacific Saury (CMM 2024-08), paragraph 10.b (copied below), this letter notes that the cumulative catch reported via the weekly report is now over 90% (as of 5 October and reported today of 91.8%)

> *10.b "In the event that the total reported catch of all Members reaches 90% of the TAC set out in paragraph 8, the Executive Secretary shall notify all Members without delay. Those Members with more than 10,000 mt of catch limits shall close the fishery within 72 hours from the receipt of the notification. Those Members with less than 10,000 mt of catch limits may continue operations, but their total catch shall not exceed 90% of their catch limits."*

As noted in the CMM, Members with a catch-limit over 10,000 mt, based on the formula in paragraph 9 of the CMM (copied below), are to prepare to close their fishery within 72 hours of receipt of this notification. Members with a catch-limit under 10,000 mt may, in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9, continue to fish but not exceed 90% of their catch-limit.

> *9. "As a provisional measure until the Commission decides allocation of the TAC, each Member of the Commission shall reduce the annual total catch of Pacific saury by the fishing vessels entitled to fly its flag in 2024 by 55% from its reported catch in 2018, and shall take necessary measures so that the total catch in the Convention Area will not exceed the TAC set out in paragraph 8."*

Please provide confirmation of receipt of this message to the Executive Secretary, notably from those currently fishing Pacific saury (Japan, Korea, Russia, Chinese Taipei and Vanuatu). Note that China has previously closed its fishery having reached its catch limit and notified the Executive Secretary.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Best regards,

Robert Day
Executive Secretary