

### Annex III

## Convention on the Conservation and Management of Pollock Resources in the Central Bering Sea

### Annual Conference

#### Rules of Procedure

Rule 1. Each Party participating in the Annual conference shall designate one representative to act on its behalf at the Conference and shall notify the other Parties promptly of any changes in that designation. Representatives may be accompanied by alternate representatives and advisers.

Rule 2. The Parties shall elect as Chairperson a nominee of the Party hosting the next Annual conference. The Parties shall also elect the Vice-Chairperson. A vacancy shall be filled by a nominee of the same Party, subject to the approval of the other Parties.

Rule 3. The Chairperson and, in the absence of the Chairperson, the Vice-Chairperson, shall preside over the Annual Conference and facilitate the carrying out of its functions.

Rule 4. The Party that hosts the Annual Conference shall distribute to the other Parties and maintain the record of the Conference.

Rule 5. Each Annual Conference shall prepare a preliminary agenda for the next Annual Conference. Each Party shall submit any comments and amendments to the Chairperson at least 90 days before the beginning of the next Annual Conference. The Chairperson shall circulate a draft agenda reflecting comments received not later than 60 days before the beginning of the next Annual Conference. The final agenda shall be approved by the Annual Conference.

Rule 6. The Annual Conference shall elect the Chair and the Vice-Chairperson of the Scientific and Technical Committee.

Rule 6bis. The Annual Conference may be held in person or remotely via telephone, videoconference or any other similar communication system. The Party that hosts the Annual Conference shall be responsible for making necessary technical arrangements to host the Annual Conference remotely in those years in which it is so held.

Rule 6ter. In exercising its vote at the Annual Conference pursuant to Article V of the Convention, a Party may either exercise its vote during the Annual Conference, or if a Party will be unable to participate in the Annual Conference that Party may submit its vote to the Chair in advance of the Annual Conference.

Rule 6quat. Beginning with the 2010 Annual Conference, and continuing thereafter, the Parties intend to conduct the Annual Conference via remote communications systems, unless:

- a. The Scientific and Technical Committee reports Pollock biomass in the Convention Area at the level needed to trigger the establishment of an AHL, as determined by the Annex of the Convention, Part 1, Section b-d,; or
- b. A Party to the Convention requests an in-person meeting.

Rule 7. Any proposal to amend the rules of procedure of the Annual Conference or the Scientific and Technical Committee shall be considered by the Parties at the Annual Conference in accordance with Articles III and V of the Convention.

Annex IV  
Scientific and Technical Committee Rules of Procedure

Rule 1. Each Party shall designate its representatives to the Scientific and Technical Committee, one of whom shall act as the chief representative of the Party.

Rule 2. The Scientific and Technical Committee shall hold meetings in accordance with Article IX of the Convention, allowing sufficient time to prepare its report for presentation to the Annual Conference.

Rule 3. Additional meetings of the Scientific and Technical Committee may be held as agreed by the representatives to the Committee and approved by the Parties.

Rule 4. The Scientific and Technical Committee shall make a recommendation to the Annual Conference as to the site of the Committee's next annual meeting.

Rule 5. The Chair shall distribute and maintain a record of the annual meeting, and any additional meetings, of the Scientific and Technical Committee. The Chair shall report the results of the Scientific and Technical Committee to the Annual Conference.

Rule 6. Each annual meeting of the Scientific and Technical Committee shall prepare a preliminary agenda for the next annual meeting. The Chair shall prepare and circulate a draft agenda reflecting comments and amendments received from the Parties prior to the annual meeting. The final agenda shall be approved by the annual meeting.