**Worksheet for determining areas for NPFC-PICES scientific collaboration**

REQUEST: Participants are to complete the table below from the perspective of the organisation (i.e., PICES or NPFC) they are representing. At the face to face workshop, these ideas will be captured in a master table and completed. This exercise will assist the Study Group identify those priority areas on which we should focus collaboration.

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| Category / Item | PICES  Rank | NPFC Rank | PICES Interest | NPFC Interest | Potential Activities | Priority within next 5 yrs |
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*Explanation of Headings:*

* *Category / Item*: This represents the topic area for collaboration (e.g., VME indicator species, climate related impacts to changes in abundance, etc)
* *PICES Rank*: This is a categorisation (i.e., High, Medium, Low) of how PICES views the importance to their organisation’s goals and objectives of making progress in the topic area.
* *NPFC Rank*: similar to above, this is a categorisation (i.e., High, Medium, Low) of how NPFC views the importance to their organisation’s goals and objectives of making progress in the topic area.
* *PICES Interest*: This is a short description of PICES’s interest in the topic area (e.g., VME indicator species will make progress on understanding range and scope of VMEs)
* *NPFC Interest*: As above, this is a short description of NPFC’s interest in the topic area (e.g., VME indicator species will make enable members to reduce impacts on VMEs).
* *Potential Activities*: These are activities that could be undertaken in collaboration by PICES and NPFC to make progress in the topic area in order to meet the interests of both organisations (e.g., workshops, joint reports, etc).. When completing this column, focus on those activities that could address your organisations interests.
* *Priority within next 5 years:* This will identify those activities that should be actioned in the short-term to meet the needs of the organisations.

**EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL TOPIC AREAS AND RANKINGS**

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| **Item** | **NPFC** | **PICES** |
| Climate related stuff incl distributional shifts, changes in abundance, changes in states of ecosystems | Med | High |
| OA | Low | High |
| Stock assessment – how to methodology, frameworks, data requirements, evaluations, etc | High | med |
| MSEs | High | Med-high |
| VMEs – monitoring, and impact assessments, indicator species / ecosystems | High | Med-high |
| Ecosystem indicators; ecosystem status and trends; resilience | High (PICES leading work, working with RFMOs) | high |

**EXAMPLES OF POTENTIAL COLLABORATION ACTIVITIES**

* Joint sessions / meetings
* Ex-officio members sitting on other expert groups
* Joint working groups (there is a cost to keep organised)