

*Article 4**Area of Application*

1. This Convention applies to the waters of the high seas area of the North Pacific Ocean, excluding the high seas areas of the Bering Sea and other high seas areas that are surrounded by the exclusive economic zone of a single State. The area of application is bounded to the south by a continuous line beginning at the seaward limit of waters under the jurisdiction of the United States of America around the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands at twenty (20) degrees North latitude, then proceeding East and connecting the following coordinates:

- 20°00'00"N, 180°00'00"E/W;
- 10°00'00"N, 180°00'00"E/W;
- 10°00'00"N, 140°00'00"W;
- 20°00'00"N, 140°00'00"W; and
- Thence East to the seaward limit of waters under the fisheries jurisdiction of Mexico.

2. Nothing in this Convention, nor any act or activity carried out in pursuance of this Convention, shall constitute recognition of the claims or positions of any Contracting Party concerning the legal status and extent of waters and zones claimed by any such Contracting Party.

*Article 5**Establishment of the Commission*

1. The North Pacific Fisheries Commission ("Commission") is hereby established. The Commission shall function in accordance with the provisions of this Convention. Each Contracting Party shall be a member of the Commission.

2. A fishing entity referred to in the Convention may participate in the work of the Commission in accordance with the Annex. The participation of a fishing entity in the work of the Commission shall not constitute a deviation from accepted application of international law, including the 1982 Convention.

3. The Commission shall hold a regular meeting at least once every two years at a time and location to be decided by the Commission and may hold such other meetings as may be necessary to carry out its functions under this Convention.

4. Any member of the Commission may request a meeting of the Commission, which shall be convened with the consent of a majority of the members of the Commission. The Chairperson shall then convene such a meeting in a timely fashion at such time and place as the Chairperson may determine in consultation with the members of the Commission.