

Article II

The Area Concerned

The area which the activities of the Organization concern shall be the temperate and sub-Arctic region of the North Pacific Ocean and its adjacent seas, especially northward from 30 degrees North Latitude, hereinafter referred to as the "area concerned". Activities of the Organization, for scientific reasons, may extend farther southward in the North Pacific Ocean.

Article III

Purpose of the Organization

The purpose of the Organization shall be:

- (a) to promote and coordinate marine scientific research in order to advance scientific knowledge of the area concerned and of its living resources, including but not necessarily limited to research with respect to the ocean environment and its interactions with land and atmosphere, its role in and response to global weather and climate change, its flora, fauna and ecosystems, its uses and resources, and impacts upon it from human activities; and
- (b) to promote the collection and exchange of information and data related to marine scientific research in the area concerned.

Article IV

Structure of the Organization

The Organization shall consist of:

- (a) a Governing Council (the "Council");
- (b) such permanent or ad hoc scientific groups and committees as the Council may establish from time to time; and
- (c) a Secretariat.