

**CONVENTION FOR A  
NORTH PACIFIC MARINE SCIENCE ORGANIZATION (PICES)**

**PREAMBLE**

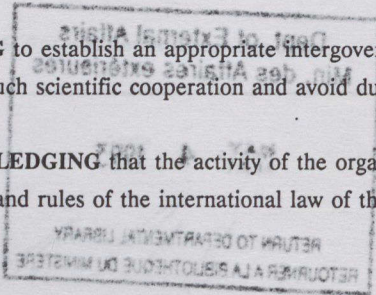
**THE CONTRACTING PARTIES,**

**RECOGNIZING** the need for improved scientific understanding of the North Pacific Ocean and its processes, living resources, and oceanographic features;

**AWARE** that due to the vast expanse of the North Pacific Ocean, scientific understanding of the area can be best achieved through a spirit of international scientific cooperation on a mutually beneficial basis;

**DESIRING** to establish an appropriate intergovernmental organization to promote and facilitate such scientific cooperation and avoid duplication of effort;

**ACKNOWLEDGING** that the activity of the organization must be based on the principles and rules of the international law of the sea applicable to marine scientific research,



**HAVE AGREED** as follows:

**Article I**

**Establishment of the Organization**

The Contracting Parties hereby establish an intergovernmental organization entitled the North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES), hereinafter referred to as the "Organization."