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Dear Dr. Aleksei Baitaliuk,

Dear colleagues,

On behalf of the North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC), we extend our heartiest congratulations to TINRO for achieving a glorious milestone – 100-year Anniversary!

From the very first year of the NPFC, TINRO has played a crucial role in conducting scientific research and assessments for bottom and pelagic fish in the North Pacific. TINRO scientists have made valuable contributions to stock assessments of the NPFC priority species, including Pacific saury, chub mackerel, Japanese sardine, neon flying squid, North Pacific armorhead and splendid alfonsino. These species have been monitored by TINRO for decades, and the information it collected on their biology, life history, population dynamics, and ecosystems in which these fish and squids occur has significantly enhanced knowledge about these stocks and provided input into collaborative scientific analyses conducted by NPFC Members, i.e. Canada, China, the European Union, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, Chinese Taipei, the United States of America, and Vanuatu.

Despite its scientific nature, the role of TINRO went far beyond science. From 2006, TINRO actively participated in preliminary consultations and preparatory conferences resulted in the establishment of the NPFC in 2015. Mr. Kenji Kagawa (Japan) and Dr. Aleksei Baitaliuk (Russia) were the first Chair and vice-Chair of the Commission, respectively. In addition to scientific work, TINRO scientists assist the Federal Agency for Fishery of Russia with some compliance-related issues, such as catch and effort reporting and registration of fishing and research vessels in the NPFC vessel registry.

The knowledge and expertise TINRO has brought to the NPFC since its first meetings translate into achieving the Objective of the Convention which is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of the fisheries resources in the Convention Area while protecting the marine ecosystems of the North Pacific Ocean in which these resources occur. We trust it will continue to actively work with the NPFC for many years ahead.

Congratulations on a century of success! Happy 100th Anniversary to you and all TINRO colleagues!

Sincerely,

[Dr. Robert Day, Executive Secretary /
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