



North Pacific Fisheries Commission

## VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

### International Legal Advisor Consultancy (as-needed and part-time basis)

3 September 2024

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**Post Title:** International Legal Advisor

**Position Type:** Consultant (as-needed and part-time basis)

**Location:** Virtual

**Duration:** One year with the possibility of renewal based on need and abilities

**Starting Date:** 01 November 2024 or negotiable

**Deadline:** 20 September 2024

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**Duties:** The North Pacific Fisheries Commission (NPFC) from time to time seeks legal advice related to international law, in particular as it related to secretariat operations. Under the direct supervision of the Executive Secretary, and in collaboration with the Compliance Manager and Science Manager, the International Legal Advisor will be responsible for the following duties:

- To provide legal advice to the NPFC Secretariat related to its interactions with other international bodies (e.g., regarding third party vessel registries) related to mandated actions such as maintenance of the lists of vessels that have undertaken, or presumed to have undertaken, illegal, unregulated, and unreported (IUU) fishing;
- To provide other legal advice to the Secretariat on its operational actions and outreach that relate to international law; and,
- Note that the advisor will not be asked to provide advice to the Secretariat or Members on the interpretation or development of conservation and management measures.

#### **Background:**

The NPFC is a regional fisheries management organization established with the entry into force of the NPFC Convention on 19 July 2015 and headquartered in Tokyo, Japan (<https://www.npfc.int/>). The NPFC is responsible for implementing the objectives and principles of the Convention on the Conservation and Management of High Seas Fisheries Resources in the North Pacific Ocean (NPFC Convention). The Convention's primary objective is to ensure the long-term conservation and sustainable use of fisheries resources in the Convention Area while protecting the marine ecosystems of the North Pacific Ocean in which these resources occur.

**Qualifications:** The ideal candidate will have extensive experience in international fisheries issues and be able to provide pragmatic, and practical legal advice regarding operational issues related to the NPFC Secretariat actions. Our common language is English. Participation at in-person meetings is not anticipated as the work will be performed virtually.

**Remuneration:** It is anticipated that the consultancy will occupy about 40 hours over the course of 12 months. Candidates are requested to provide us with their expected pay (hourly rate or retainer plus hourly rate) in a cover letter. However, please note that NPFC follows the United Nation’s rate for the consultancy fee.

Consultant’s Level	Complexity; Degree of Expertise; Availability	Range of Daily Rate in US\$
A	Junior Specialist	200-300
B	Specialist	300-550

The consultant will not hold international civil servant status nor be a “Staff member” as defined in the NPFC Staff Regulations.

**Application Procedure:** Applications should be in English language and must be transmitted electronically to the Executive Secretary of the NPFC at [rday@npfc.int](mailto:rday@npfc.int).

Applications should include the following:

- Cover Letter;
- Curriculum Vitae;
- Copies of academic transcripts and other relevant professional certificates (please provide English translation if applicable); and,
- References will be required during the screening process.

The application process will close on 20 September 2024, dependent on having eligible candidates apply. Please be advised that only short-listed candidates will be contacted to check qualifications and ability in English via online interview(s).

For further inquiries, please contact Dr. Robert Day, Executive Secretary at [rday@npfc.int](mailto:rday@npfc.int).