

In response to the request for contributions to the report of the Secretary General on oceans and the law of the sea:

- 1) **The North Pacific Marine Science Organization (PICES)** is an intergovernmental science organization, was established in 1992 to promote and coordinate marine research in the North Pacific and its adjacent seas. Its present members are Canada, Japan, People's Republic of China, Republic of Korea, the Russian Federation, and the United States of America.
- 2) PICES has a diverse research and publication programme: [Publications - PICES - North Pacific Marine Science Organization](#).
- 3) **FUTURE** (Forecasting and Understanding Trends, Uncertainty and Responses of North Pacific Marine Ecosystems) is an integrative Scientific Program undertaken by the member nations and affiliates of PICES to understand how marine ecosystems in the North Pacific respond to climate change and human activities, to forecast ecosystem status based on a contemporary understanding of how nature functions, and to communicate new insights to its members, governments, stakeholders and the public
- 4) PICES maintains a diverse set of collaborations with other regional and global marine science organizations, including several RFMOs.
- 5) PICES has taken an active role in supporting and advancing the planning for the UN Decade of Ocean Science. This includes serving as co-organizer of the Regional Planning Workshop for the North Pacific and Western Pacific Marginal Seas towards the UN Decade of Ocean Science for Sustainable Development held in Tokyo, Japan July 31-August 02, 2019.