

**NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS) REPORT
 ON THE INTERNATIONAL MANAGEMENT OF
 HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES**

International Meetings

Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC) Meeting Outcomes

The IATTC's SAC met from May 9 - May 15, 2016, in La Jolla, CA, and the United States was represented by NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center staff. The IATTC scientific staff presented on a range of topics regarding the conservation and management of tuna and tuna-like species in the eastern Pacific Ocean. The following link provides a summary of the [Staff Conservation Recommendations for 2016](#).

Upcoming Meetings

The following RFMO-related meetings are occurring in 2016 (listed below). The Northern Committee (NC) meets in late-August, before the September Council meeting; therefore, the Council may want to discuss any recommendations to the U.S. Delegation of the NC during its June Council meeting. Please note that although proposals for the NC will likely not be ready for review prior to the June Council meeting, the work program in the [2015 meeting report](#) (see page 38) provides a list of tasks for 2016.

WCPFC-related Meetings

U.S. Delegation (PAC)	June 16	Conference Call ¹
Scientific Committee	August 3 - 11	Bali, Indonesia
Northern Committee	August 29 - September 2	Fukuoka, Japan
Technical Compliance Committee	September 21 - 27	Pohnpei, FSM
U.S. Delegation (PAC)	October 6 - 7	Honolulu, HI
Annual Meeting	December 5 - 9	Fiji

ISC-related Meetings²

SHARKWG	Spring	TBD
STATWG	July 8 - 9	Sapporo, Japan
PBFWG	July 10	Sapporo, Japan
BILLWG	July 10	Sapporo, Japan
PICES Collaboration and ISC		
Research and Planning	July 11	Sapporo, Japan
Annual Meeting	July 13 - 18	Japan
SHARKWG	Fall	TBD
ALBWG	November	Nanaimo, Canada

¹ <https://federalregister.gov/a/2016-10912>

² Updates may be found at http://isc.fra.go.jp/meetings/future_meetings.html

Abbreviations

ALBWG = Albacore Working Group

BILLWG = Billfish Working Group

PAC = Permanent Advisory Committee

PBFWG = Pacific Bluefin Tuna Working Group

PICES³ = North Pacific Marine Science Organization

SHARKWG = Shark Working Group

STATWG = Statistics Working Group

³ For more information, visit: <https://www.pices.int/>