



Bluefin Tuna closure

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NMFS Announces Fishery Closure

Commercial Pacific Bluefin Tuna Fishery Closure

NMFS is closing the U.S commercial fishery for Pacific bluefin tuna (PBF) effective on 5:00pm PDT, September 5, 2014.

Per the intent of the Final Rule (79 FR 28448, May 16, 2014) implementing PBF management measures, NMFS has closely monitored the U.S. commercial catch of PBF in the eastern Pacific Ocean (EPO) to ensure that the U.S. catch limit is not exceeded.

Based on recent communications with California Department of Fish and Wildlife and fishery stakeholders, the U.S. commercial PBF fishery is expected to reach the 2014 catch limit. As a result, NMFS is closing the U.S. commercial PBF fishery in the EPO.

As of 5:00pm PDT on September 5, 2014, U.S. commercial vessels may not target, retain on board, transship, or land Pacific bluefin tuna in the IATTC Convention Area, or EPO, with the following exception: any PBF already on board may be retained, transshipped, and/or landed within 14 days of the closure, or September 19, 2014.

Inseason actions for salmon fisheries are announced on the hotline and via USCG broadcast.

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