

INTERNATIONAL ACTIVITIES

Three Pacific Regional Fishery Management Organization (RFMO) meetings occurred between the June and September 2014 Council meetings: the Eighty-Seventh Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC), the Tenth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Scientific Committee and the Tenth Regular Session of the WCPFC Northern Committee (NC). The NC meeting occurred September 1-4, 2014, so outcomes of that meeting were not known when the Council's advanced briefing book was prepared. The NMFS International Activities Report summarizes outcomes of the IATTC meeting relevant to the Council; the NMFS representative on the Council will also report orally on the NC meeting.

The IATTC scheduled an extraordinary meeting in early October, because agreement on two high priority items was not reached during the Eighty-Seventh Meeting. One of these matters, of special interest to the Council, were conservation measures for Pacific bluefin tuna, to succeed those in Resolution C-13-02, which expires at the end of 2014. Attachment 1 contains proposals from Japan and the U.S. that were the basis of discussions at the Eighty-Seventh Meeting. Attachment 2 contains the four resolutions adopted at the meeting.

The Eleventh WCPFC Meeting will occur December 1-5, 2014, in Apia, Samoa. The NC may develop one or more conservation and management measure (CMM) proposals for consideration at WCPFC11. Species for which the NC may propose CMM proposals include Pacific bluefin tuna and North Pacific albacore tuna. With respect to the latter, the Council has previously submitted recommendations to the U.S. delegation on the development of a precautionary management framework, most recently in June 2014. Since Pacific bluefin tuna is considered a single North Pacific wide stock, measures to reduce fishing mortality in the Western Pacific impact stock abundance in the Eastern Pacific.

The NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) will provide an update on research activities related to international management.

Council Action:

Consider Reports on the 87th Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the 10th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee and Adopt Recommendations for U.S. Delegations to the Extraordinary IATTC Meeting or the 11th Regular Session of the WCPFC, as Appropriate.

Reference Materials:

1. Agenda Item G.2.a, Attachment 1: Japan and U.S.A. Proposals, Measures for the Conservation and Management of Pacific Bluefin Tuna in the Eastern Pacific Ocean.
2. Agenda Item G.2.a, Attachment 2: Resolutions adopted by the IATTC at its 87th Meeting.
3. Agenda Item G.2.b, NMFS Report on International Activities.

Agenda Order:

- a. Agenda Item Overview
- b. Report of the National Marine Fisheries Service
- c. Fisheries Science Center Activities
- d. Reports and Comments of Advisory Bodies and Management Entities
- e. Public Comment
- f. **Council Action:** Consider Reports on the 87th Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the 10th Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) Northern Committee and Adopt Recommendations for U.S. Delegations to the Extraordinary IATTC Meeting or the 11th Regular Session of the WCPFC, as Appropriate

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