

RECOMMENDATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL FISHERY MANAGEMENT  
ORGANIZATIONS (EXCERPTED FROM JUNE 2010 COUNCIL DECISION DOCUMENT)

The Council decided to postpone making recommendations for Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) action on bigeye and yellowfin tuna until the September Council meeting when updated stock assessments will have been released.

They made the following recommendations for action in the IATTC and/or Western and Central Pacific Fishery Commission (WCPFC) forums.

- The U.S. delegation to the IATTC should develop a proposal for managing the purse seine fishery through a total allowable catch limit (TAC).
- The U.S. delegation to the WCPFC Northern Committee should propose a more effective and comprehensive bluefin tuna conservation measure, specifically to address juvenile mortality, for adoption by the WCPFC;
- The United States should pursue participation in the coordination meeting on bluefin tuna conservation between Japan, Mexico and the IATTC secretariat scheduled for August 30, and encourage the IATTC to move forward with a proposal for a bluefin tuna conservation measure.
- The U.S. should support proposals that would increase compliance with IATTC management measures, especially those related to illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing.
- The U.S. delegations to the IATTC and WCPFC should advocate for more comprehensive data reporting and collection by members of the IATTC and WCPFC.

The Council asked National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region to work with Pacific Islands Region Office to reexamine regulations related to vessel monitoring system requirements for vessels that have a WCPFC Area Endorsement on their HSFCA permit in order to lessen their financial impact on west coast albacore vessels.